

CAROLINE FARRELL



EDUCATION

Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA

J.D. with highest honors, May 1999

Bates College, Lewiston, Maine

B.A. in Political Science, May 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Occidental College

Adjunct Professor

Los Angeles, CA

August 2019-December 2019

Will teach Environmental Law and Policy in the Fall Semester. This course analyzes the legal and policy framework for environmental protection and environmental justice. The course covers the major environmental statutes, applicable civil rights laws, and the next wave of climate change litigation.

Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment

Executive Director

Oakland & Delano, CA

March 2009-Present

Leads a 10-staff person environmental justice 501c3 organization by setting the strategic and programmatic vision for the organization. Works closely with the Board of Directors to provide program and financial oversight. Establishes key programs on climate justice, hydraulic fracturing, infrastructure, and green jobs. Creates, manages, and fund-raises for a \$1.4 million budget in collaboration with the Management Team and staff. Develops and maintains strategic partnerships with allies, public-makers, and funders. Serves on Regional and Statewide Steering and Advisory Committees. Represents community groups in the San Joaquin in litigation and before administrative agencies on land use and climate issues.

Assistant Director

October 2008-March 2009

Supervised eight-person campaign staff over two offices; oversaw campaign creation, implementation and evaluation of our air quality project, land use project, and national advocacy project. Represented low income communities and communities of color regarding land use issues in court using the California Environmental Quality Act. Drafted comment letters to local, state and federal agencies on behalf of low-income communities of color on environmental justice issues. Attended and testified at public hearings and workshops. Wrote grants for the land use project. Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Air Resource Board's Environmental Justice Advisory Group for AB 32. Sat on the Kern Air Quality Mitigation Fund Advisory Board to the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, and the Steering Committee for the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition.

Directing Attorney

October 1999-2008

Represented clients on issues related to land use, dairy siting, long-term land use planning, hazardous waste, and water infrastructure issues in court. Researched pesticide and land use issues. Drafted comment letters to local, state and federal agencies on behalf of low-income

communities of color on land use, air quality, pesticides, and hazardous waste issues. Attended and testified at public hearings and workshops. Worked with low income communities and communities of color to identify issues of concern and created three community groups. Trained over 100 community residents on their rights. Raised over \$1 million in grant funding for the land use program. Managed the Delano office and supervised staff of four, plus student interns.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Communities for a Better Environment, Secretary (2005-present) Huntington Park, CA
Act for Women and Girls (2007- present) Visalia, CA
Planning and Conservation League (2012- present) Sacramento, CA

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, Vice-Chair (2003- present) Fresno, CA
California Environmental Justice Alliance (2009 -present) Oakland, CA
Community Alliance for Agroecology (2013- present) Delano, CA

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Kern County Air Mitigation Funding Board (2007- present) Bakersfield, CA
Collaborate with Foundation Staff on the scope of Requests for Proposals, evaluate funding proposals, and make recommendations to the Foundation Board on funding requests for portfolio of over \$500,000 and growing.

California Air Resources Board
Environmental Justice Advisory Group on AB 32 (2008-2010) Sacramento, CA

Impact Fund Grants Advisory Committee (2014- present) Berkeley, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Luke Cole and Caroline Farrell, *Structural Racism, Structural Pollution and the Need for a New Paradigm*, 20 Wash. U.J.L.& Pol’y 265 (2006).

Caroline Farrell, *SB 115: California’s Response to Environmental Justice- Process over Substance*, 1 Golden Gate U. Env’tl.L.J. 113 (2007).

Caroline Farrell, *A Just Transition to a Green Economy*, 4 Duke Forum for Law & Social Change, 45 (2011)

Caroline Farrell *Markets Alone Can’t Produce Social Justice* for the Environmental Law Institute’s Debate on the Morality of Market Mechanisms, 46 ELR 1011-1013 (2016).

AWARDS

2007 Dr. Zweig Community Health Advocate Award from the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

OMB Watch's Rising Star in Public Interest award in 2008.