

AMANDA COHEN LEITER

Administrative and environmental law expert with leadership skills, technical background, and government experience. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior during the last 1.5 years of the Obama Administration, working to advance Department policies regarding oil and gas and renewable energy development on public lands. Tenured law professor at the American University Washington College of Law. Clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens. Cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, with graduate degrees in oceanography and civil engineering.

EXPERIENCE

- Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land & Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior** Aug. 2015-Jan. 2017
- Guided policy development, rulemaking, and litigation strategy decisions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.
 - Shaped and implemented leasing policy for oil and gas, renewable energy, and transmission projects on BLM lands.
 - Supervised development of oil and gas and renewable energy rules, including BLM's Methane and Waste Prevention Rule and Solar and Wind Leasing Rule.
- Professor, American University Washington College of Law** Aug. 2011-present
(On leave Aug. 2015-present)
- Received tenure and promotion to full professor, 2015.
 - *Scholarship*: Write at the intersection of environmental and administrative law.
 - *Public Speaking and Advocacy*: Counsel of record for amicus briefs for Supreme Court and D.C. Circuit environmental law cases; participant in congressional staff briefings, panel discussions, and moot courts.
 - *Teaching*: Teach environmental, administrative, hydraulic fracturing, and tort law.
- Advisor, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, White House Office of Management & Budget** spring 2015
- Assisted with White House review of proposed and final environmental rules.
- Board Member, American Rivers** 2009-2015
- Served as Board Secretary and as a member of the Executive, Governance, and Litigation Committees.
- Associate Professor, Catholic University Columbus School of Law** 2008-2011
- Appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court to argue *Kucana v. Holder* (2010).
- Visiting Associate Professor, Georgetown University Law Center** 2006-2008
- Clean Air Litigator, Natural Resources Defense Council** 2004-2006
- Briefed D.C. Circuit cases involving EPA clean air rules.
- Law Clerk:** Justice John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court of the U.S. 2003-2004
Judge David Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit 2001-2002
Judge Nancy Gertner, U.S. District Court for the D. of Mass. 2000-2001
- Fulbright Fellow, Danish National Environmental Research Institute** 1992-1993
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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2000

Honors: First Prize, 2001 *Harvard Environmental Law Review* Notes Competition

Activities: President, Environmental Law Society; Managing Editor, *Harvard Environmental Law Review*

University of Washington, M.S. oceanography, 1996

Stanford University, M.S. civil engineering, 1992; B.S. biology with departmental honors, 1991

RECENT SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda C. Leiter, *Fracking, Federalism, and Private Governance*, 39 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 107 (2015) (discussing private governance efforts to mitigate fracking risks).

Amanda C. Leiter, *Soft Whistleblowing*, 48 GA. L. REV. 425 (2014) (documenting that agency insiders regularly leak information to outsiders, and arguing that the leaks are intended to prompt and guide outside oversight of agency policymaking).