

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., June 2009.
Harvard College, A.B. *magna cum laude* in Romance Languages and Literatures, June 2006.

Employment History

2009–present, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC.

- 2018–present, Senior Attorney & Deputy Director of Federal Water Policy, Nature Program
- 2017–2018, Senior Attorney, Water Program
- 2014–2017, Staff Attorney, Water Program
- 2011–2014, Project Attorney, Water Program
- 2009–2011, Legal Fellow, Water Program

2008 (summer), EPA Office of General Counsel, Honors Legal Fellow, Washington, DC.
2007 (summer), Oceana, Legal Intern, Washington, DC.

Certifications

Bar Admissions: New York, Jan. 21, 2010; District of Columbia, Oct. 4, 2010.

Publications

- Hammer, R., and Hansen, K., A Fairer Funding Stream: How Reforming the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Can Equitably Improve Water Infrastructure Across the Country, NRDC Report, October 2022.
- Hammer, R., Through the Cracks: How Unregulated Stormwater Runoff Is Preventing a Successful Chesapeake Bay Cleanup, NRDC Report, April 2021.
- Hammer, R., Making It Rain: Effective Stormwater Fees Can Create Jobs, Build Infrastructure, and Drive Investment in Local Communities, NRDC Issue Brief, April 2018.
- Dougherty, S., Hammer, R., Valderrama, A., How To: Stormwater Credit Trading Programs, NRDC Issue Brief, February 2016.
- Chou, B., Hammer, R., Levine, L., Using the State Revolving Funds to Build Climate-Resilient Communities, NRDC Issue Paper, June 2014.
- Devine, J., Mulhern, J., Goldman-Carter, J., Murphy, J., Hammer, R., Thompson, J., The Intended Scope of Clean Water Act Jurisdiction, 41 Environmental Law Reporter News & Analysis 11118, December 2011.

Congressional Testimony

- Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure: Measures to Promote Resiliency and Climate

Adaptation and Mitigation, Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 117th Congress, 2021.

Conference Presentations & Expert Panels

- Government Accountability Office (GAO) Expert Panel, Review of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Allotment Formula, August 23-24, 2023.
- Washington DC Environmental Justice Forum, May 18, 2023.
- Howard University Water Justice Forum, February 21, 2020.
- Build Better: Climate Justice, Equity, and Infrastructure, Progressive Strategy Summit, October 25, 2019.
- Residual Designation Authority for Stormwater Discharges, ALI-CLE & ELI Clean Water Act Conference, May 3, 2019.
- The Clean Water Act: Water Quality, Water Resources, and Wetlands Under the Microscope, ALI-CLE & ELI Environmental Law Conference, February 8, 2019.
- Using Law & Policy to Promote Green Infrastructure and Restore Urban Waters, Greenbuild, November 20, 2015.
- Climate Change & State Hazard Mitigation Plans, Rising Seas Summit, November 4, 2015.
- Using Residual Designation Authority to Drive Green Infrastructure Retrofits on Private Property, Green Infrastructure and Water Management in Growing Metropolitan Areas Conference, January 15, 2014.

Coalition Leadership

Co-Chair, Infrastructure Workgroup, Clean Water for All Coalition, 2017–present.

Community Leadership

Member, Board of Directors, AlexRenew, Alexandria, Virginia, July 2023–present.

Awards and Honors

Forbes 30 Under 30: Law & Policy, 2011.