

Curriculum Vitae

Jessica Grannis, J.D., LL.M

Adaptation Program Director for the Georgetown Climate Center and Staff Attorney and Adjunct Professor
at the Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown University Law Center

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

-) Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC – LL.M, *with distinction*, Oct. 2013.
-) University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA – J.D., *cum laude*, May 2005.
-) University of Chicago, Chicago, IL – B.A., History, Jun. 1998
-) Bar Admissions: California, Dec. 7, 2005; District of Columbia, Oct. 4, 2010

EXPERIENCE

Adaptation Program Director, Staff Attorney & Adjunct Professor 08/09– present
Georgetown Climate Center (GCC) & Harrison Institute, Georgetown Law **Washington, DC**

Professor and legal expert on climate change adaptation approaches for local, state, and federal governments in the United States. Practical and academic experience analyzing legal barriers to climate change adaptation and creating tools and guidance to help state and local clients overcome these barriers. Proven track record of fundraising and program development. Mentor and teacher to over 60 law students.

Staff Counsel 12/07– 08/09
California State Coastal Conservancy & Ocean Protection Council **Oakland, CA**

Legal advisor to Board of Directors for the *State Coastal Conservancy* and *Ocean Protection Council* and Conservancy staff on legal issues related to complex, large-scale restoration projects and on project and policy positions on a range of climate change and environmental issues. Negotiated real estate, conservation, and public access easement acquisitions; and prepared legal documents related to land sales, grants, and contracts. Advised staff in developing policy recommendations, on issues including low impact development and water quality, marine debris and plastics tax, and sustainable fisheries.

Litigation Associate 07/06– 12/07
Steyer Lowenthal Boodrookas Alvarez & Smith **San Francisco, CA**

Managed all aspects of litigation for real property and title insurance cases, including: drafting complaints, motions, and other pleadings; preparing and responding to discovery; defending and taking depositions; representing clients at mediations; and making court appearances. Researched and prepared legal memoranda and advised on client matters, including: CERCLA liability, state law remedies for environmental cleanups, and private access easements.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

-) Contract Associate Attorney, *Arnold Law Practice* – Lafayette, CA, 02/06-07/06
-) Legal Extern, *Foundation for International Law & Development (FIELD)* – London, UK, 9/04-12/04
-) Legal Intern, *Natural Resources Defense Council* – Santa Monica, CA, 5/04-9/04
-) Legal Extern, *Sierra Club* – San Francisco, CA, 1/04-5/04
-) Legal Intern, *Eco-Africa* – Cape Town, South Africa, 5/03-8/03
-) Law Clerk/Public Benefits Advocate, *Bay Area Legal Aid* – San Francisco, CA, 2/02-7/02
-) Director of Personal Training, *SCORE! Education Centers* – Menlo Park, CA, 9/00-7/01
-) Americorps*VISTA, *Project Teaming for Technology with the United Way* – Chicago, IL, 6/99-6/00

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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- J [*From Planning to Action: Implementation of State Climate Change Adaptation Plans*](#), Michigan Journal of Sustainability (Vol. 3, Spring 2015, coauthored with Aaron Ray)
- J *Adaptation*, in ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES LAW: THE YEAR IN REVIEW (American Bar Assoc., Apr. 2013 and 2015, coauthor)
- J *Coastal Retreat Measures*, in THE LAW OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS, (Michael Gerrard ed., Sep. 2012, coauthor with Prof. J. Peter Byrne)
- J *Coastal Management in the Face of Rising Seas: Legal Strategies for Connecticut*, Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal Vol. 5, No. 1 (Jul. 2012, coauthored with team of students)
- J *Technical Input to the 2013 National Climate Assessment on Coastal Impacts, Adaptations, and Vulnerabilities*, co-authored report that was used to inform the 2014 National Climate Assessment that was sent to Congress as required by the Global Change Research Act of 1990
- J *The New "All Appropriate Inquiry" Rules May Mean More Consistency and Accuracy in Phase I Environmental Assessments*, California Environmental Law Reporter (Apr. 2006, coauthor with James R. Arnold)
- J [*Lessons in Regional Resilience and Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact Case Study*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Jan. 2017, coauthored with Annie Bennett)
- J [*Rebuilding with Resilience: Lessons from the Rebuild by Design Competition After Hurricane Sandy*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Nov. 2016)
- J [*Preparing Our Communities for Climate Impacts: Recommendations for Federal Action*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Sep. 2014)
- J [*Preparing for Climate Impacts: Lessons from the Front Lines*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Jul. 2014)
- J [*Lessons Learned from Irene: Climate Change, Federal Disaster Relief, and Barriers to Adaptive Reconstruction*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Dec. 2013, coauthored with former student Justin Clancy)
- J [*Adaptation Toolkit: Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Land Use*](#) (Georgetown Climate Center, Nov. 2011).