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Professional Experience

ClearPath Foundation and ClearPath Action, Charlotte, NC and Washington, DC

Executive Director, July 2014 – Present

Educate policymakers on investing wisely in energy innovation, and maintaining and promoting flexible, 24/7 clean energy resources. Lead ClearPath's external advocacy including lobbying, frequent speaking and engagement with media, and research and advocacy partnerships with non-profits, academia, and the private sector. Manage team of 15 government affairs, policy analysis, communications, and operations professionals across Washington, DC, and Charlotte, NC offices, and \$8.5 million annual budget across operating program and grantmaking. Build philanthropic coalitions with other foundations and partners to scale up impact.

McKinsey & Company, Washington, DC and Jakarta, Indonesia

Engagement Manager, Sustainability and Resource Productivity Fellow, October 2010 – June 2014

Managed consulting teams on strategy, operations, and corporate finance engagements focusing on energy efficiency (commercial and residential), renewables deployment, agricultural productivity, sustainability performance management, sustainable agriculture and bio-fuels, green growth, water and development and financing, climate adaptation, and e-waste. Industry focuses were consumer, advanced industrials, chemicals/agriculture, and social and public sector. Additional functional experience in marketing/sales, and industry experience in global public health and media/high-tech.

Sullivan & Cromwell, Washington, DC

Summer Law Clerk, May – July 2009

Drafted corporate lending agreements, credit default swaps, and covenants for protection of intellectual property. Performed legal research for civil litigation and criminal defense cases.

General Electric, Danbury, CT

GE Capital Law Clerk, May – July 2008

Drafted security agreements for corporate aircraft leases and analyzed legacy financing agreements for Restructuring Counsel. Drafted memoranda on state commercial law and pending class actions.

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., May 2010

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

B.A. in Environmental Science and Public Policy, June 2005

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Frequent blog posts and video explainers on clean energy topics published on [ClearPath blog](#).

[“The Future of Nuclear Is Bright, and Non-Negotiable,”](#) Wall Street Journal, Opinion, 11/13/2017.

[“Preserving Tennessee’s Clean Energy Tradition,”](#) Times Free Press, w/ Mason, Opinion, 9/14/2017.

[“Energy Bill Can Boost American Innovation,”](#) The Hill, w/Guith, Opinion, 9/19/2016.

OTHER: FAA Commercial Hot Air Balloon Pilot. Eagle Scout.