

Ruth Santiago

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Experience

1991 to present

Attorney

Private Practice, Salinas, Puerto Rico

Representation of nonprofit organizations and community groups in environmental and energy law matters, aquifer protection issues, socioeconomic development projects and civil litigation, often on a pro bono basis. Work with community and environmental groups, fisher's associations and other organizations on projects ranging from a community newspaper, children's services, a community school, ecotourism projects to a rooftop solar energy pilot project. Involved in the establishment of broad alliances to prevent water pollution from landfills, power plant emissions and discharges and coal combustion residual waste and promote solar communities and energy democracy. In addition to litigation in courts and administrative agencies, co-founded and co-organized and promoted environmental education projects, advised community groups and the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on watershed protection and land use issues. Most recently, work on cases related to energy projects and electric sector integrated resource plans.

August-December 2006

Instructor, part time

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. Taught seminar on Environmental Regulation.

1991-1996

Instructor, part time

University of Puerto Rico, Cayey Campus. Taught various courses in the Business Administration Department.

1986-1991

Associate

Martínez, Odell & Calabria, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Commercial litigation in Federal and Commonwealth courts.

1983-1986

Attorney

Davis, Markel, Dwyer & Edwards, New York, New York. Commercial litigation in New York State and Federal courts.

Education

Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York, J.D., 1983, LL.M., 2010.

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. B.A., 1980.
Majors: Economics and Spanish Literature.

Publications/Conferences

Imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment from use of coal ash as fill material at construction sites in Puerto Rico: A case study, 2012, Elsevier, Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences 37 (2012) 389 – 396.

Various media articles on Puerto Rico energy, community and environmental justice issues.

Editor, 1987 – 1996. “*Salinas Hoy*” regional community newspaper, Salinas, Puerto Rico.

Multiple presentations at academic institutions including the University of Puerto Rico, Vermont Law School, Princeton University, Northwestern University, University of Connecticut, Arizona State University, American University (Washington, D.C.), Symbiosis University (Pune, India), East Connecticut State University. Presentations at conferences organized by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, the Center for Puerto Rican Studies of the City University of New York, the Latino Community Foundation (California).

Recognitions/Awards

Recipient of 2018 Robert Bullard Environmental Justice Award, Sierra Club.

Clean Air Ambassador, Earthjustice.

Former president of the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission of the Puerto Rico Bar Association (Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas de Puerto Rico).