



SHARON BUCCINO

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Leadership – build and motivate successful teams
Management – set priorities, budget time and resources, resolve conflict, support/ discipline personnel
Communication – connect with different audiences with clarity and empathy
Teaching – engage learners with clear and interactive instruction

EXPERIENCE

**DIRECTOR/ ATTORNEY – LAND DIVISION
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL**

1993-present

- Developed program vision and strategy to promote equity and empower local voices while protecting the wild.
- Built program staff from 8 to 30 professionals.
- Established and implemented annual priorities and benchmarks for success.
- Mentored individual staff to maximize professional satisfaction and productivity.
- Secured foundation and individual donor support for program. Responsible for \$5 million annual budget.
- Accomplishments include: (1) incorporation of climate change into management of fossil fuels on federal lands; (2) designation and defense of over 2 million acres as national monuments; (3) incorporation of diverse voices into public land advocacy; (4) litigation challenging oil and gas drilling on public lands in Wyoming and Utah; (5) litigation under Freedom of Information Act to obtain release of Cheney Energy Task Force papers; (6) participation in notice and comment rulemaking addressing oil and gas drilling and coal mining and leasing.

FACULTY – ADJUNCT, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, COLLEGE OF LAW

2021-present (Public Land Law)

FACULTY – ADJUNCT, GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOOL

2019-present

- Teach popular Natural Resources and Energy Law Practicum class. Upper level class with weekly seminar covering NEPA, FLPMA, National Forest Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Wilderness Act combined with client projects. Addresses current statutory and regulatory issues.

FACULTY – PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
2010-present

- Taught multi-day workshops to environmental attorneys and other professionals regarding NEPA implementation.
- Prepared lectures and accompanying materials addressing oil and gas leasing and drilling in Indian Country; Bureau of Land Management land use planning; oil and gas drilling on public lands; pipeline review and approval.

PUBLIC SPEAKER

Engagements Include:

- “A View from the Front Lines: Defending Environmental Protection and the Rule of Law in the Age of Trump,” Emory University School of Law (Oct. 8, 2018)
- “Effective Public Engagement in Federal Infrastructure Decisions,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon (Mar. 3, 2017)
- “What a Trump Administration Means for the Environment,” Furman University (Feb. 22, 2017)
- “Human Dimensions of Fossil Fuel Extraction,” Stanford Law School (Feb. 12, 2015)
- “Fracking and Federalism,” Judicial Symposium, George Mason University Law School (Nov. 19, 2013)
- “Finding Common Ground: The Role of Natural Gas in Addressing Climate Change,” Colorado Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference (Aug. 2007)

ASSOCIATE - POWELL, GOLDSTEIN, FRAZER & MURPHY

1991-1993

Low-income housing policy; municipal government law; historic preservation; supported Presidential Transition team for Department of Justice

JUDICIAL CLERK – ALASKA SUPREME COURT

1990-1991

EDUCATION

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL – JURIS DOCTOR – 1990

YALE UNIVERSITY – BACHELOR OF ARTS – 1987

Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

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ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia 1992; California 1990
U.S. Supreme Court; Courts of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit,
Fourth Circuit, Ninth Circuit, Tenth Circuit; U.S. District Courts
for the District of Columbia, District of Colorado

VOLUNTEER Board Member, YMCA, Arlington, VA (2018-present)
Girls Basketball Coach, Arlington County, VA (2007-2019)
Board Member, Virginia Scholastic Rowing Ass'n (2016-2019)

PUBLICATIONS Sharon Buccino, *Our Children's Future: Applying Intergenerational Equity to Public Land Management*, 31 COLO. NAT. RESOURCES, ENERGY & ENVTL. L. REV. 509 (2020)

Sharon Buccino, *NEPA's Promise: A Future in Which We All Thrive*, 50 ENVTL. L. REP. 10197 (March 2020).

Sharon Buccino, Testimony before House Natural Resources Committee, *Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act* (May 17, 2018).

Sharon Buccino, *Keeping the "Public" in Public Lands*, 48 ENVTL. L. REP. 10295 (April 2018).

Sharon Buccino, Testimony before House Natural Resources Committee, *Proposed Legislation to Empower States to Manage the Development and Production of Oil and Gas on Available Federal Land* (October 13, 2017).

Sharon Buccino, *In Bears Ears We Trust: Tribally Co-managed National Monument Offers Prosperity and Protection*, NRDC blog (April 4, 2016).

Sharon Buccino, *Smart from the Start: Good Planning Promises Sustainable Energy Future*, 27 JOURNAL OF LAND USE AND ENVTL. LAW 369 (Spring 2012).

Sharon Buccino, *Dialogue: Expedited NEPA Review for Alternative Energy Projects*, 39 ENVTL. L. REP. 10581 (2009)

Sharon Buccino, Testimony before Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, *Oversight to Review the Permitting of Energy Projects* (May 25, 2005).

Sharon Buccino & Steve Jones, *Controlling Water Pollution from Coalbed Methane Drilling: An Analysis of Discharge Permit Requirements*, 4 WYO. L.REV. 559 (2004).

Sharon Buccino, *NEPA Under Assault: Congressional and Administrative Proposals Would Weaken Environmental Review and Public Participation*, 12 N.Y.U. ENVTL. L.J. 50 (2003).

Sharon Buccino. *Turmoil Over "Takings": How H.R. 1534 Turns Local Land Use Disputes into Federal Cases*, 28 ENVTL. L. Rep. 10083 (February 1998).