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Professional Experience

Emory University School of Law

Clinical Professor of Law

Director, Turner Environmental Law Clinic

Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program

Director of Law and Advocacy, Resilience and Sustainability Collaboratory

Atlanta, Georgia

September 2008 – present

September 2011 – present

August 2014 – present

Jan 2021 – Dec 2022

Summary of Selected Environmental Legal Representations

- Represent clients in complex civil litigation before federal courts; in administrative proceedings before local, state, and federal agencies; in legislative and policy matters at the local, state, and national levels; and in land use, food system, and other environmental transactions.
- Represent clients in investigating, understanding, challenging, and leveraging the Administrative Procedure Act; Atomic Energy Act; Clean Water Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Endangered Species Act; Food Safety Modernization Act; Freedom of Information Act; Inflation Reduction Act; National Environmental Policy Act; National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act; Nuclear Waste Policy Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and various environmental justice-related Executive Orders.
- Testify and comment on, draft, and challenge statutes, regulations, and guidance documents; administrative decisions; zoning ordinances; environmental impact statements; and permits before federal, state, and local governments and agencies, including U.S. Congress, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Communications Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Public Service Commission, Atlanta Regional Commission, City of Atlanta, and municipalities across the country.
- Provide strategic advice and guidance, develop model legislation, draft rulemaking comments, negotiate transactional documents, litigate, file amicus briefs, and prepare strategy assessments and white papers on matters related to sustainable energy and climate change, nuclear power and nuclear waste, land use and conservation, regenerative agriculture and food systems, safe drinking water, protection of natural resources, environmental justice, and access to information.

Program Leadership

- Direct the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, a public interest environmental law firm housed within Emory Law School. Each year, the Clinic provides over 4,000 hours of pro bono legal representation to community groups, governments, and nonprofit organizations that seek to protect and restore the natural environment and promote environmental justice. Through its work, the Clinic offers students a hands-on introduction to environmental law and trains the next generation of environmental attorneys. Responsibilities include:

- Building and maintaining an expansive docket of legal matters that demonstrably improve the quality of our environment and health of our communities;
- Providing legal representation to clients in environmental matters;
- Supervising Clinic staff, students, and early career post-graduate fellows;
- Teaching and developing curricula;
- Identifying fundraising opportunities, securing external funding, and managing the Clinic's budget;
- Directing external communications, including media advocacy, strategic partnerships, and professional education opportunities;
- Providing consultation and strategic advice to environmental leaders, environmental law clinic faculty, and legal practitioners; and
- Participating in local, state, and national environmental discussions and professional trainings.
- Direct the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program, a comprehensive program dedicated to teaching, research, and public service in environmental law and policy. The program, ranked in the top-50 nationwide, includes more than a dozen course offerings, three full-time faculty members, ten adjunct professors, twenty externships, and the Turner Environmental Law Clinic. It also includes a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion scholarship and stipend program, which trains, encourages, and incentivizes underrepresented students to pursue careers in environmental law. Responsibilities include:
 - Coordinating and supervising Program faculty, staff, and guest lecturers;
 - Mentoring and advising students;
 - Ensuring comprehensive curricular offerings;
 - Teaching environmental courses;
 - Identifying fundraising opportunities, securing external funding, and managing the Program's budget;
 - Directing external communications, including media advocacy, strategic partnerships, and professional education opportunities;
 - Serving as the primary point of contact for the Law School and University on issues concerning environmental law;
 - Creating opportunities for students to meaningfully engage with members of the environmental community through courses, internships, and extracurricular offerings; and
 - Administering the Environmental Diversity Equity and Inclusion Initiative.
- Directed Law and Advocacy for the Resilience and Sustainability Collaboratory, a “think-and-do tank” that generates innovative, interdisciplinary, and inclusive cross-sector solutions to complex problems at the intersection of global environmental change and social justice.

Teaching

- Teach courses at Emory Law School.
 - Environmental Advocacy (JD)
 - Environmental Law (JD)
 - Land Use (beginning Spring 2025) (JD)
 - Turner Environmental Law Clinic (JD)
 - Administrative Law (MLS)

- Contracts (MLS)
- Legislative Advocacy (MLS)
- Eating Ethics (University Course)
- Teach courses as a visiting professor at the Center for American Law Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland.
 - Environmental Law
 - Contracts
- Guest lecture throughout Emory University, including classes in the College of Arts and Sciences, Goizueta Business School, Laney Graduate School, Law School, and Rollins School of Public Health.
- Guest lecture at colleges and universities across the country, including classes at Georgia State University College of Law, Morehouse College, Senior University of Greater Atlanta, Spelman College, University of Colorado School of Law, and University of Georgia School of Law.

Faculty Appointments, Affiliations, and Fellowships

- Clinical Professor of Law, Law School
- Affiliated Faculty, Gangarosa Department of Environmental Health of the Rollins School of Public Health
- Affiliated Faculty, Center for International and Comparative Law
- Affiliated Faculty, Center for Civil Rights and Social Justice
- Senior Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics
- Faculty Fellow, Office of Sustainability Initiatives

Faculty Service

- Serve on Law Faculty Committees and Task Forces, including:
 - Adjunct Supervision and Communication Committee (2024 – present (chair))
 - Climate Action Plan Committee (2012 – 2014 (chair), 2014 – 2015)
 - Community Building Committee (2021 – 2022)
 - Contract Faculty Review and Promotion Committee (2016 – 2017, 2017 – 2019 (chair), 2023 – 2024)
 - Curriculum Committee (2012 – 2014)
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee (2020 – 2021)
 - Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee (2022 – 2023, 2024 – present)
 - Ethical Guidelines Committee (2014 – 2015)
 - Experiential Learning Committee (2011 – 2014)
 - Faculty Appointments Committee (2015 – 2016, 2019 – 2020, 2021 – 2023)
 - Provost’s Distinguished Teaching Award Committee (2018 – 2020 (chair))
 - Public Interest Law Task Force (2019 – 2020)
 - Teaching Advisory Strategy Committee (2020 – 2021)
- Serve on University Committees and Task Forces, including:
 - Piedmont Project Advisory Committee (2018 – present)
 - Provost’s Task Force for Emory’s Climate Research Initiative (2022 – present)
 - Resiliency and Sustainability Collaboratory Faculty Advisory Committee (2019 – 2022)
 - Sustainability Faculty Advisory Committee (2016 – present)

- Sustainable Food Committee (2018 – 2021 (co-chair), 2021 – 2023, 2023 – present (co-chair))
- Sustainability Visioning Committee (2019 – 2020, 2024 – present)
- University Faculty Council (2019 – 2021)
- University Senate Committee on the Environment (2017 – 2019)
- Serve as Faculty Advisor for:
 - Emory Climate Talks (2021 – present)
 - Emory Environmental Law Society (2014 – present)
 - Emory’s Food & Ethics Program (2020 – present)

Fundraising and Budget Management

- Conduct fundraising activities for the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program, and Resilience and Sustainability Collaboratory, including:
 - Identifying potential funding opportunities from corporate, foundation, government, and individual donors;
 - Securing external funding;
 - Preparing grant requests and reports; and
 - Developing and maintaining relationships with new and existing donors.
- Manage the Turner Environmental Law Clinic’s and Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program’s budgets.

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP (formerly, Kilpatrick Stockton LLP) **Atlanta, Georgia**
Associate *September 2006 – September 2008*

- Represented clients in complex commercial real estate transactions, including the acquisition, financing, development, leasing, and disposition of office, industrial, and mixed-use properties.
- Drafted, reviewed, and negotiated purchase and sale documents, easements, covenants, declarations, loan and defeasance documents, leasing documents, zoning documents, title documents, corporate organization and authority documents, and environmental indemnities.
- Formed corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships, and drafted the accompanying articles of incorporation, corporate bylaws, articles of organization, operating agreements, certificates of limited partnership, and partnership agreements.
- Reviewed Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments.

Hunton & Williams LLP **Richmond, Virginia**
Summer Associate *Summer 2005*

- Conducted legal work for the Resources, Regulatory, and Environmental; Real Estate; and Patent practice groups.

Selected Presentations and Appearances

Panelist, *Important Environmental Decisions: Supreme Court Update*, DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Conference (forthcoming March 2025).

Presenter, *Legal Barriers to Values-Based Food Procurement*, ACRE Collective Annual Summit (August 2024).

Facilitator, *Good Food Purchasing for Farmers, Eaters, and the Planet*, White House Office of Public Engagement and the CDC Foundation Summit on the Health and Wellbeing of Future Generations (April 2024).

Panelist, *The Role of Clean Air and Power in Advancing Environmental Justice*, University of Georgia School of Law's 36th Annual Red Clay Conference (April 2024).

Moderator, *Climate Change's Legal Destabilization*, Emory's Center for International and Comparative Law (December 2023).

Presenter, *Glimmers of Hope: The Future of U.S. Environmental Law*, Emory's Center for International and Comparative Law (November 2023).

Guest, *A Closer Look with Rose Scott*, WABE and National Public Radio (September 2023).

Panelist, *Educating a Diverse Environmental and Sustainability Workforce*, 16th Annual Georgia Environmental Conference (August 2023).

Panelist, *Practices to Build, Sustain, and Teach Resilient Hope in the Midst of a Long-Term Struggle for Social Change*, Association of American Law Schools' Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 2023).

Panelist, *Drawdown Georgia: Energy, Agriculture, and Transportation Policy Responses to Mitigate Climate Change*, Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (January 2023).

Panelist, *Important Environmental Decisions: Supreme Court Update*, DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Conference (March 2022).

Keynote Speaker, *Advancing Environmental Justice through Collaborations: Reflections from the Turner Environmental Law Clinic*, United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise – Greater Atlanta EQUINOX Conference (March 2022).

Panelist, *Race and Law in Practice*, Emory Law's Workshop on Race and Law (February 2022).

Panelist, *Drawdown Georgia: Energy, Agriculture, and Transportation Policy Responses to Mitigate Climate Change*, Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (January 2022).

Panelist, *Working Farms Fund - Scaling a Sustainable Local Food System in Metro Regions across the U.S.*, National Farm Viability Conference (October 2021).

Presenter, *Congress Is Finally Tackling Climate Change – Will It Work?*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Emory (September 2021).

Presenter, *Food Waste to Renewable Biogas – Anaerobic Digestors that Tackle Climate Change Equitably*, Partnership for Southern Equity's Just Growth Circle (August 2021).

Presenter, *How Federal Law Can Address Climate Change*, Emory Emeritus Faculty Colloquia (May 2021).

Presenter, *Zoning for Compost*, Georgia Recycling Coalition (April 2021).

Presenter, *Climate Change – It's Real. So What Can US Environmental Law Do About It?*, Senior University of Greater Atlanta (March 2021).

Panelist, *Environmental Racism in the Deep South*, Emory Law School (February 2021).

Presenter, *The Role of Universities in Building a Resilient Food System*, College of Charleston Center for Sustainable Development (July 2020).

Presenter, *US Environmental Law – What's Working, What's Broken, and What's Going On?*, Center for American Law Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland (February 2020).

Panelist, *Climate Change: Policies to Address At-Risk Communities*, Georgia State University's Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics (November 2019).

Presenter, *Applying NEPA to Urban Development*, Natural Resource Defense Council and Partnership Project's Workshop on How to Use NEPA to Achieve the Results You Want (October 2019).

Panelist, *Georgia's Energy Portfolio*, Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (September 2019).

Panelist, *Creating Engaging Online Discussion*, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence Summer Teaching Intensive (August 2019).

Moderator, *Environmental Law Clinics: The Secret Weapon for Saving Our Environment*, Turner Environmental Law Clinic's 20th Anniversary Conference: The Future of Environmental Law (January 2019).

Panelist, *Georgia's Energy Portfolio*, Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (November 2018).

Panelist, *Transactional Representations for Environmental Law Clinics*, 2nd Annual Environmental Law Clinic Directors Conference (November 2018).

Panelist, *Shining a Light on Smart Solar Energy Zoning*, Georgia Environmental Conference (August 2018).

Moderator, *The Corporation and the Consumer: Responsible & Irresponsible Corporate Behavior*, ECGAR Symposium: The Corporation and the Individual (March 2018).

Panelist, *Like a Good Neighbor – Your Composting Facility Is There: Establishing Good Community Relations*, U.S. Composting Council Conference and Trade Show (January 2018).

Panelist, *Water Resource Management*, CREATE Conference (November 2017).

Presenter, *Resilient Cities – Atlanta’s Path to Resiliency*, CREW Program on How Cities Will Change the World (October 2017).

Panelist, *Cities and Climate Change*, World Bank Law, Climate Change, and Development Conference (December 2016).

Panelist, *Georgia’s Energy Portfolio*, Institute of Georgia’s Environmental Leaders (November 2016).

Keynote Speaker, *The Importance of Environmental Careers*, Emory’s 9th Annual Green Networking Night (October 2016).

Presenter, *Composting Regulation in Atlanta*, Mayor’s Community Composting Program (August 2016).

Panelist, *Consent-Based Siting*, U.S. Department of Energy Public Meeting on Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Sites (April 2016).

Moderator, *Food, Faith, and Farming: A LAMP Symposium on Growing Community*, Georgia Tech Leadership and Multifaith Program (March 2016).

Presenter, *Environmental Justice*, Global Development and Social Justice Workshop, Humphrey Fellowship Program (March 2015).

Panelist, *Key Environmental Issues in U.S. EPA Region 4 – Enforcement*, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Spring Conference (March 2015).

Panelist, *Water Impacts of Nuclear Power*, University of Florida College of Law, 21st Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (February 2015).

Panelist, *America’s Nuclear Future: Taking Action to Address Nuclear Waste*, Bipartisan Policy Center Conference on Nuclear Waste (September 2014).

Panelist, *The Practice of Environmental Law*, ABA Section of the Environment, Energy, and Resources Conference at Emory Law School (March 2014).

Panelist, *Agricultural Policy – Legal Implications*, University of Georgia School of Law, 26th Annual Red Clay Conference (February 2014).

Panelist, *Waste Confidence – What Is It and Why Does It Matter?*, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research Annual Workshop (July 2012).

Presenter, *Urban Agriculture Practices across the Country*, Urban Agriculture Committee of the Community Food Security Coalition (April 2012).

Panelist, *Farm to Truck & Table*, Southface Energy Institute's Annual Greenprints Conference (March 2012).

Panelist, *Zoning for Zucchini: Land Use Advocacy to Support Urban Agriculture*, 15th Annual Georgia Organics Plow Forward Conference (February 2012).

Presenter, *Understanding and Using the Freedom of Information Act*, Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition (February 2012).

Presenter, *The Role of Environmental Law Clinics in the United States*, Committee on US-China Relations at Emory Law School (June 2011).

Panelist, *Right Plant? Right Place? The Role of Nuclear Power in Florida's Energy Future*, University of Florida College of Law, 17th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (February 2011).

Selected Publications

Bauman, Carter, Goldstein, Huynh, Rogers, Rumley, and Toy, *Georgia's Environmental Justice Green Book*, available at www.ejgreenbook.com (August 2023).

Reiser and Goldstein, *Opinion: Getting Smart on Solar is a Plus for Communities*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (July 2018).

Rudd, Goldstein, et al., *Climate Research Priorities for Policy-Makers, Practitioners, and Scientists in Georgia, USA*, Environmental Management (May 2018).

Goldstein and Sutz, *Opinion: Feds Should Make Ga. Power Put More Skin in Game on Vogtle*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (May 2018).

Goldstein and Kitron, *'Tire'-d of Zika? Stopping Mosquitos in Their Tracks*, RiverCHAT (Summer 2016).

Goldstein, *The Political Fate of the Clean Power Plan*, Emory Law News (July 2016).

Goldstein, *Michigan v. EPA: Does It Mean More Than Mercury?*, Emory Law News (July 2015).

Goldstein, *Emory Law Students Comment Successfully for Client on FDA's Draft Produce Rule re: Need to Better Protect Farmers, the Environment, and Public Health*, ABA Administrative Law Journal (Spring 2014).

Curran and Goldstein, *Confirm Allison Macfarlane to the NRC*, The Hill (May 2012).

Goldstein et al., *Urban Agriculture: A Sixteen City Survey of Urban Agriculture Practices Across the Country*, Georgia Organics (August 2011).

Contributor to the following reports, published by Friends of the Earth:

- *Friends of the Earth: Toxic Secret* (2019)
- *Buyers Bee-Ware: Municipal Purchasers' Guide to Protecting Pollinators* (2017)
- *Gardeners Bee-Ware: Bee-Toxic Pesticides Found in "Bee-Friendly" Plants Sold in Garden Centers across the US* (2016).

Contributor to Lee, et al., *Mass-Based Clean Power Plan Compliance: State Law Impacts on Allowance Trading Programs in Eight Southeastern States*, Natural Resources Defense Council (2016) (presented at the 22nd annual Conference of the Parties (COP22) held under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco).

Contributor to Kessler and Chin, *Food Equity, Social Justice and the Role of Law Schools: A Call to Action*, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy (2015).

Selected Media Coverage

My work and representations have appeared in hundreds of news stories through print media, broadcast news, and the Internet, including coverage in: New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio, The Economist, The Hill, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Miami Herald, Los Angeles Times, Albuquerque Journal, Associated Press (AP) News, Law 360, Lexis Nexis News Room, Bloomberg News, Politico, American Bar Association News, and E&E News (Energywire, Climatewire, and Greenwire).

Boards and Community Involvement

Emory Climate Talks

Advisory Board Member, February 2021 – present

Emory Food Studies & Ethics Program

Advisory Board Member, March 2020 – present

Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Affiliated Member, May 2017 – present

Emory CREATE (Culture, Religion, Ethics, and the Environment) Program

Local Advisory Council Member, May 2015 – December 2017

Global Growers

Board Member, November 2014 – December 2020

Wholesome Wave Georgia

Board Member, January 2014 – January 2017

Environmental Protection Agency National Brownfields Conference

Planning Committee Member, June 2012 – May 2013

Georgia State University College of Law, Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Urban Fellows Program

Faculty Affiliate, August 2011 – present

Tri-State Conservation Coalition

Legal Committee Member, July 2011 – present

PATH Foundation

Special Events and Public Relations Committee Member, January 2011 – December 2011

Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition

Co-chair, September 2010 – July 2013

Member, September 2008 – December 2018

Awards, Certifications, and Fellowships

Lawdragon – 500 Leading Environmental and Energy Lawyers

Award Recipient – 2023

Award Recipient – 2022

Award Recipient – 2021

Emory University – Robert S. Hascall Faculty Sustainability Innovator Award

Award Recipient – 2021

Emory University Center for Ethics – Senior Faculty Fellow

Fellowship – 2019-present

Emory University Office of Sustainability Initiatives – Faculty Fellow

Fellowship – 2018-present

GreenLaw – Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law
Award Recipient – 2016

Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership
Class of 2015

Georgia WAND – Mother’s Day for Peace Award
Award Recipient – 2013

Education and Admissions

- Admitted to the Georgia Bar** *Fall 2006*
- Court Admissions: United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia, Court of Appeals of Georgia
 - Active Member of: American Bar Association, *Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources*, and Georgia Bar Association, *Environmental Law Section*

University of Maryland School of Law **Baltimore, Maryland**
Juris Doctor, magna cum laude *May 2006*
Concentration in Environmental Law
Class Rank: Top 5%

University of North Carolina **Chapel Hill, North Carolina**
Bachelor of Science in Biology with Chemistry Minor, *with honors* *May 2002*
Honors Program: Fall 1998 – Spring 2002