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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

Associate Professor of Law

08/2026–Present

Assistant Professor of Law

08/2023–08/2026

Visiting Professor of Law

08/2020–06/2021

Adjunct Professor of Law

01/2018–06/2018, 01/2019–12/2019, and 08/2022

Teaching

- Fall 2026 – Teaching *Research and Writing I* to full-time students
- Spring 2026 – Taught *Research and Writing II* to full-time students and *Animal Law and Policy*
- Fall 2025 – Taught *Research and Writing I* to full-time students and *U.S. Legal Research and Writing* to LL.M. students
- Spring 2025 – Taught *Research and Writing II* to full-time students and *Animal Law and Policy*
- Fall 2024 – Taught *Research and Writing II* to part-time students and *U.S. Legal Research and Writing* to LL.M. students
- Spring 2024 – Taught *Research and Writing II* to full-time students
- Fall 2023 – Taught *Research and Writing I* to full-time students
- Fall 2022 – Taught *United States Legal Systems* to LL.M., J.D./Grado, and J.D. Exchange students
- Spring 2021 – Taught *Research and Writing II* (synchronous online) to full-time students
- Fall 2020 – Taught *Research and Writing I* (synchronous online) to full-time students
- Fall 2019 – Taught *United States Legal Systems* to LL.M., J.D./Grado, and J.D. Exchange students
- Spring 2019 – Taught *Research and Writing I* to part-time students
- Spring 2019 – Co-taught *Topics in Biodiversity Law: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* to second- and third-year students and helped organize a weeklong study abroad program in India as part of the course
- Spring 2018 – Co-taught *Research and Writing I* to part-time students

Service

- Fall 2025–Spring 2026
 - Member of Competition Committee for Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition
 - Faculty advisor for *Stetson Law Review* and Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Member of Academic Review Committee, Admissions and Scholarships Committee, and Honors and Awards Committee
 - Coached team of students for the Burton D. Wechsler National First Amendment Moot Court Competition; students advanced to octofinals and won fourth best brief and fourth best oralist in the preliminary round
 - Served as Faculty Secretary

- Fall 2024–Spring 2025
 - Member of Competition Committee for Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition and helped organize International Wildlife Law Conference
 - Faculty advisor for *Stetson Law Review* and Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Member of Academic Review Committee, Admissions and Scholarships Committee, and Honors and Awards Committee
 - Coached team of students for Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition
- Summer 2024
 - Faculty advisor for *Stetson Law Review*
 - Served as Bar Exam Coach for two students
- Fall 2023–Spring 2024
 - Member of Competition Committee for Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition
 - Faculty advisor for *Stetson Law Review* and Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Member of Honors and Awards Committee
 - Co-coached team of students for National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition; students advanced to quarterfinals

University of Miami School of Law, Miami, Florida
Professor of Legal Writing and Lecturer in Law
Core Faculty for Environmental Law Program
 07/2021–05/2023

- Spring 2023
 - Taught two sections of *Legal Communication and Research Skills II*
 - Taught one section of *Animal Law* (overload)
 - Writing advisor for students on multiple journals
 - Faculty advisor for Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Faculty advisor for students in environmental law concentration/area of focus
 - Co-coached team of students for Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship; students won best brief and advanced to quarterfinals
- Fall 2022
 - Taught three sections of *Legal Communication and Research Skills I* (overload)
 - Faculty advisor for Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Faculty advisor for students in environmental law concentration/area of focus
- Spring 2022
 - Taught three sections of *Legal Communication and Research Skills II* (overload)
 - Writing advisor for students on multiple journals
 - Co-coached team of students for National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- Fall 2021
 - Taught two sections of *Legal Communication and Research Skills I*
 - Faculty advisor for Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
Adjunct Professor
 08/2020–05/2021

- Spring 2021 – Taught *Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication II* (synchronous online)
- Fall 2020 – Taught *Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication* (synchronous online)

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

Advocacy Skills Trainer

08/2014–02/2021

- Co-coached teams of law students to prepare them for moot court and negotiation competitions
- Recipient, Moot Court Board Cornerstone Award, 2015
- Students won first place in the 2015 Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship in Texas
- Students won first place in the 2017 Robert Orseck Memorial Competition in Florida
- Students were finalists in the 2017 Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition in New York

Georgia State University, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Atlanta, Georgia

Part-Time Instructor

08/2018–12/2018

- Fall 2018 – Taught *The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business*

University of South Florida, Honors College, Tampa, Florida

Adjunct Faculty Member

12/2015–05/2016 and 08/2016–12/2016

- Fall 2016 – Taught *Animal Law, Policy, and Ethics*
- Spring 2016 – Co-taught *International Environmental Law, Policy, and Politics*

PUBLICATIONS

Erin Okuno, *You Say “Potato,” and I Say “Burger”: Labeling Laws for Plant-Based Meat Alternatives* (selected for publication in *Lewis & Clark Law Review*, forthcoming 2027)

Gillian Davies, Ritesh Kumar, M. Siobhan Fennessy, Nick Davidson, Kai Huschke, Dave Pritchard, Matthew Simpson, Priyane Amerasinghe, William R. Moomaw, Erin Okuno, Bethanie Walder, Chaturangi Wickramaratne, & Rebecca Woodward, *How Implementing the Rights of Wetlands Provides Benefits to People and Wetlands: Relationships, Rights, Responsibilities, Experiences, and Actions*, 46:54 *Wetlands* (2026), <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13157-026-02067-2>

Erin Okuno, *“The Silence of the Farms”: Suppressing Speech and Trampling Transparency to Shield Big Ag*, 13 *Texas A&M Law Review* 951 (2026)

Erin Okuno, *Rights of Wetlands and the Ramsar Convention*, in *Wetlands and International Environmental Law: The Evolution and Impact of the Ramsar Convention* (Royal C. Gardner, Richard Caddell, & Erin Okuno eds.) (Edward Elgar Publishing 2025)

Royal C. Gardner, Richard Caddell, & Erin Okuno, *Introduction: Wetlands and International Law*, in *Wetlands and International Environmental Law: The Evolution and Impact of the Ramsar Convention* (Royal C. Gardner, Richard Caddell, & Erin Okuno eds.) (Edward Elgar Publishing 2025)

Royal C. Gardner, Richard Caddell, & Erin Okuno (eds.), *Wetlands and International Environmental Law: The Evolution and Impact of the Ramsar Convention* (Edward Elgar Publishing 2025)

- Royal C. Gardner, Erin Okuno, & Dave Pritchard, *Ramsar Governance and Processes at the International Level*, in *Ramsar Wetlands: Values, Assessment, Management* (Peter Gell, Nick Davidson, & Max Finlayson eds.) (Elsevier 2023)
- Royal C. Gardner, Tom Ankersen, Max Finlayson, Erin Okuno, & Dave Pritchard, *Ramsar at the National Level: Application and Incorporation into Domestic Law*, in *Ramsar Wetlands: Values, Assessment, Management* (Peter Gell, Nick Davidson, & Max Finlayson eds.) (Elsevier 2023)
- G.T. Davies, C.M. Finlayson, E. Okuno, N.C. Davidson, R.C. Gardner, W.R. Moomaw, & D.E. Pritchard, *Reply to Bridgewater* (2021), “*Response to Davies et al., ‘Towards a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands,’*” 72 *Marine and Freshwater Research* 1401 (September 2021), <https://www.publish.csiro.au/mf/MF21132>
- R.C. Gardner, E. Okuno, & R. Kihlslinger, *Improving In-Lieu Fee Program Implementation: Long-Term Management of Mitigation Sites* (August 2021), <https://www.eli.org/sites/default/files/eli-pubs/ilf-long-term-management.pdf>
- R. Kihlslinger, A. Hu, E. Okuno, & R.C. Gardner, *Improving In-Lieu Fee Program Implementation: Full Cost Accounting* (August 2021), <https://www.eli.org/sites/default/files/eli-pubs/ilf-full-cost-accounting.pdf>
- R. Kihlslinger, A. Hu, E. Okuno, & R.C. Gardner, *Improving In-Lieu Fee Program Implementation: Programmatic Audits* (August 2021), <https://www.eli.org/sites/default/files/eli-pubs/ilf-programmatic-audits.pdf>
- G.T. Davies, C.M. Finlayson, D.E. Pritchard, N.C. Davidson, R.C. Gardner, W.R. Moomaw, E. Okuno, & J.C. Whitacre, *Towards a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands*, 72 *Marine and Freshwater Research* 593 (November 2020), <http://www.publish.csiro.au/MF/MF20219>
- Erin Okuno, *Live Critique of Oral Arguments: Response to Amanda L. Sholtis*, *Say What?: A How-To Guide on Providing Formative Assessment to Law Students Through Live Critique*, *Stetson Law Review Forum* (Spring 2020), <https://www2.stetson.edu/law-review/article/live-critique-of-oral-arguments-response-to-amanda-l-sholtis-say-what-a-how-to-guide-on-providing-formative-assessment-to-law-students-through-live-critique/>
- Royal C. Gardner, Erin Okuno, Rebecca Kihlslinger, & Christina Libre, *CWA In-Lieu Fee Mitigation: Project and Programmatic Risks*, 49 *Environmental Law Reporter* 10538 (2019)
- Erin Okuno, *A Look Back at Sierra Club v. Costle: Balancing Legal, Political, and Ethical Interests in Informal Rulemaking*, 44 *Administrative & Regulatory Law News* 18 (ABA 2019)
- Royal C. Gardner, Erin Okuno, Steph Tai, M. Siobhan Fennessy, Carol A. Johnston, Marinus L. Otte, James E. Perry, Charles Simenstad, Benjamin R. Tanner, Dan Tufford, R. Eugene Turner, Kirsten Work, Scott C. Yaich, & Joy B. Zedler, *Advocating for Science: Amici Curiae Brief of Wetland and Water Scientists in Support of the Clean Water Rule*, 39 *Wetlands* 403 (peer reviewed; 2019), <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13157-019-01160-z> (over 3,700 accesses)
- R. Kihlslinger, C. Libre, K.R. Ma, E. Okuno, & R.C. Gardner, *In-Lieu Fee Mitigation: Review of Program Instruments and Implementation Across the Country* (July 2019), <https://www.eli.org/research-report/lieu-fee-mitigation-review-program-instruments-and-implementation-across-country>

- Erin Okuno, *Book Review: Elder Law: A Guide to Working with Older Australians* (Sue Field, Karen Williams & Carolyn Sappideen eds., 2018), 10 *Journal of Comparative and International Law & Policy* 205 (2019)
- Royal C. Gardner & C. Max Finlayson, *Global Wetland Outlook: State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People* (Ramsar Convention Secretariat 2018) (contributing author to section 4), <https://www.global-wetland-outlook.ramsar.org/gwo-2018>
- Royal C. Gardner & Erin Okuno, *The Shifting Boundaries of Clean Water Act Jurisdiction*, 35 *Wetland Science & Practice* 317 (2018)
- Royal C. Gardner, C. Max Finlayson, & Erin Okuno, *Global Wetland Outlook: Technical Note to Introduction* (Ramsar Convention Secretariat 2018)
- Royal C. Gardner, C. Max Finlayson, Ritesh Kumar, Erin Okuno, & David Stroud, *Global Wetland Outlook: Technical Note on Responses* (Ramsar Convention Secretariat 2018)
- R.C. Gardner, T.A. Jones, D.E. Pritchard, E. Okuno, D.A. Stroud, D. Landenbergue, C.M. Finlayson, L. Dinesen, L. Martinez Rios del Rio, & D. Infante Mata, *Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Briefing Note Number 8: Ramsar Advisory Missions: Technical Advice on Ramsar Sites* (Ramsar Convention Secretariat 2018), https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/rbn8_advisory_missions_e.pdf
- Erin Okuno, *Frankenstein's Mammoth: Anticipating the Global Legal Framework for De-Extinction*, 43 *Ecology Law Quarterly* 581 (2017), <https://www.ecologylawquarterly.org/print/frankensteins-mammoth-anticipating-the-global-legal-framework-for-de-extinction/> (downloaded over 400 times)
- Erin Okuno, Royal C. Gardner, Miles Archabal, Kaitlyn Murphy, & Jackson Willis, *Bibliography of 2016 Scientific Publications on the Ramsar Convention or Ramsar Sites* (working paper, Nov. 1, 2017)
- Erin Okuno, *No "Fowl" Play: Fifth Circuit Overturns Migratory Bird Treaty Act Convictions*, Guest Blog Post on White Collar Crime Prof Blog (Sept. 20, 2015)
- Royal C. Gardner, Marcela Bonells, Erin Okuno, & Juan Manuel Zarama, *Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Briefing Note Number 3: Avoiding, mitigating, and compensating for loss and degradation of wetlands in national laws and policies* (Ramsar Convention Secretariat 2012), <https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/bn3.pdf>

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND GUEST LECTURES

Animal Law Clinic CLE

05/12/2026

- Online presentation, “Behind Closed (Barn) Doors: Legal and Policy Challenges to Protecting Factory Farm Animals”

22nd International Wildlife Law Conference, Gulfport, Florida

04/15/2026

- Presentation, “Fitting a Square Peg in a Round Legal Framework: Challenges and Opportunities for Addressing De-Extinction Through Multilateral Environmental Agreements”

Loyola University Chicago School of Law *Journal of Regulatory Compliance* Symposium: “The Future of Food Law: Safety, Equity, and the Next Era of Compliance,” Chicago, Illinois

03/13/2026

- Presentation, “You Say ‘Potato,’ and I Say ‘Burger’: The Current State and Future of ‘Tag-Gag’ Labeling Laws for Plant-Based Meat Alternatives”

Training for *Journal of Aging Law and Policy* Student Editors, Gulfport, Florida

01/28/2026

- Presentation, “Editing Articles: Cite and Source Reminders and What Not To Do”

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

09/15/2025

- Presentation, “Finding the Right Words: Analyzing the Impact of ‘Tag-Gag’ Food Labeling Laws on Plant-Based Meat Alternatives”

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Phoenix, Arizona

07/18/2025

- Moderated panel discussion with Em Wright, “The Unending Conversation Live”

Online Presentation for Academic Professionals and Students, Ukraine

03/27/2025

- Online presentation, “Professional Development of an American Lawyer: Education, Skills Development, and Practice”

Training for *Journal of Aging Law and Policy* Student Editors, Gulfport, Florida

02/25/2025 and 01/28/2026

- Presentation, “Editing Articles: Cite and Source Reminders and What Not To Do”

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

07/17/2024

- Moderated panel discussion with Em Wright, “The Unending Conversation Live”

Training for *Journal of Aging Law and Policy* Student Editors, Gulfport, Florida

03/26/2024

- Presentation, “Editing Articles: What Not To Do”

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Los Angeles, California

03/08/2024

- Presentation, “Exploring the Possibilities of Generative AI for Student-Edited Journals”

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport Florida

12/02/2023

- Co-chaired and moderated online workshop with Em Wright

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Irvine, California

07/14/2023

- Panelist with Elizabeth Berenguer, Kirsten Davis, and Lance Long, “The Unending Conversation Live: Debating the Hard Issues of Teaching and Studying Legal Communication”

Florida Association of Mitigation Bankers Mitigation Banking Workshop

11/09/2022

- Online presentation with Royal Gardner and Katherine Pratt, “Long-Term Protection of Compensatory Mitigation Sites: Equivalency Across Mitigation Providers?”

National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, Boise, Idaho

05/04/2022

- Presentation with Royal Gardner, “Long-Term Protection of Compensatory Mitigation Sites: Equivalency Across Mitigation Providers?”

EPA Mitigation Workgroup Meeting

01/28/2022

- Online presentation with Royal Gardner and Katherine Pratt, “Improving Long-Term Protection of Aquatic Resource Compensatory Mitigation Sites: Permittee-Responsible Mitigation”

EPA Mitigation Workgroup Meeting

11/16/2021

- Online presentation with Rebecca Kihlsinger and Royal Gardner, “In-Lieu Fee Implementation Guides”

2nd Southeast Asian Biodiversity and Climate Change Policy Forum, Metro Manila, Philippines

01/11/2021

- Online presentation, “Protecting the Coasts Using Nature-Based Solutions: The Role of Reefs”

William & Mary Law School’s Conference for Excellence in Online Teaching Legal Research & Writing

06/18/2020

- Online presentation with Jennifer Franklin and Stephanie Rae Williams, “Hosting Online Moot Court Competitions”

Mercer University School of Law's Environmental Law Virtual Guest Speakers Program

04/13/2020

- Online presentation, "Frankenstein's Mammoth: Anticipating the Global Legal Framework for De-Extinction"

Research and Writing II, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

09/2013, 02/2014, 02/2015, 02/2016, 02/2017, 04/2019, and 04/2020

- Guest lectures, "Introduction to Oral Advocacy"

Association of State Wetland Managers Members' Webinar

01/29/2020

- Presentation, "In-Lieu Fee Mitigation in the United States: Program Instrument Review"

1st Southeast Asian Biodiversity and Climate Change Policy Forum, Metro Manila, Philippines

01/07/2020

- Presentation, "Saving Coral Reefs During the Climate Crisis: Time for a Sea Change"

19th International Wildlife Law Conference, Barcelona, Spain

06/04/2019

- Presentation, "Extinct Species and CITES: Listing the Woolly Mammoth to Protect Elephants"

Ashok Kumar Wildlife Law and Enforcement Conference, Pune, India

03/11/2019

- Presentation, "Extinct Species and CITES: Listing the Woolly Mammoth to Protect Elephants"

Sixth Annual ELI-Stetson Wetlands Workshop, Gulfport, Florida

11/08/2018

- Presentation, "One Size Does Not Fit All: Trends and Variations Across In-Lieu Fee Programs"

Wetlands Seminar, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

10/04/2018

- Guest lecture, "In-Lieu Fee Programs (An Overview)"

Fifth Annual ELI-Stetson Wetlands Workshop, Gulfport, Florida

11/09/2017

- Presentation, "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: How In-Lieu Fee Programs Compensate for Impacts to Coastal Ecosystems"

United States Legal Systems, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

08/09/2017

- Guest lecture, "Environmental (and Administrative) Law in the United States"

National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, Sacramento, California

05/10/2017

- Presentation, "Planning for Perpetuity: Long-Term Stewardship for In-Lieu Fee Programs"

National In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program Training Workshop, St. Paul, Minnesota

07/13/2016

- Presentation, "ILF Program Instrument Review"

National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

05/12/2016

- Presentation, “In-Lieu Free-for-All: Do ILF Program Instruments Follow the Mitigation Rule?”

Ecosystem Banking Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

02/19/2015

- Guest lecture, “Water Quality Trading in Florida”

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, 2013

Cumulative GPA: 3.927

Rank: 1 out of 252

Honors:

- **Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award**, Spring 2013
- **Stetson Law Review Leadership Award**, Spring 2012
- **Moot Court Board CourtCall Award**, Spring 2013
- **Honors Program**, Fall 2011–Spring 2012
- **William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award**, Spring 2013
- **Highest Grade in 12 classes**

Activities:

- **Stetson Law Review**, 2011–2013
 - Editor in Chief, 2012–2013
 - Managing Editor, 2011–2012
- **Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy**, 2011–2013
 - Student Editor
- **Moot Court Board**, 2011–2013
 - National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition, 2013
 - Best Team Overall, Best Oralist in Preliminary Rounds, Best Oralist in Final Round, and Best Respondent’s Brief
 - Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, 2013
 - Finalists and Best Brief
 - Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2012
 - Semifinalists and Best Brief
- **Biodiversity Fellow**, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, 2012–2013
- **Environmental Law Society**, 2011–2013
 - President, 2012–2013
 - Vice President, 2011–2012
- **Ecosystem Banking Workshop**, 2010–2011
- **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund**, 2011–2013
- **Maritime Law Society**, 2010–2013
- **Stetson Ambassador**, 2011–2013
- **Ferguson-White Inn of Court**, Student Pupil Member, 2012–2013
- **Tampa Bay Watch**, Volunteer, 2013
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**, Volunteer, 2012

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
Bachelor of Science, Psychology, *summa cum laude*, 2008
Cumulative GPA: 3.96

Honors:

- **President's Undergraduate Research Award**, Fall 2007
- **Faculty Honors**, Spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; Fall 2006, 2007
- **Dean's List**, Fall 2004, 2005

Activities:

- **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, *Attention and Working Memory Lab*, Fall 2005, 2007; Spring 2006, 2007, 2008
- **Psychology Club**, Vice President, 2005–2006
- **Chemistry Department Teaching Assistant**, Fall 2005

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida
Assistant Director, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy
05/2020–07/2021
Foreman Biodiversity Fellow
01/2015–05/2020

- Supported the environmental law and policy programs and initiatives at Stetson's Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, which received the 2016 Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award from the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- Performed research, writing, and editing tasks on environmental law, science, and policy issues, focusing on wetlands, biodiversity, endangered species, and international environmental law
- Organized and promoted local, national, and international environmental conferences, events, activities, and student opportunities
- Presented at national and international conferences and gave guest lectures
- Assisted with fundraising and grant writing efforts to support the Institute, which completed a two-year Wetland Program Development Grant (in collaboration with the Environmental Law Institute) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is finishing a multi-year project on aquatic resource compensatory mitigation funded by a grant from the Joy McCann Foundation
- Provided research and other support to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance and the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
- Co-authored amici curiae briefs on behalf of scientists and scientific societies regarding the Clean Water Act, 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, and 2015 Clean Water Rule; briefs were filed in the Supreme Court of the United States (brief was cited in majority opinion in *County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund*), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York, District of North Dakota, Northern District of California, and District of Massachusetts
- Served as a member of the Competition Committee for the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, the world's largest moot court competition devoted exclusively to global environmental issues

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Tampa, Florida

Associate

09/2013–01/2015

Summer Associate

05/2012–07/2012

- Researched and evaluated commercial litigation and transactional matters, such as foreclosure and landlord-tenant issues; laws regarding federal, state, and local environmental and development permits; and zoning, land use, and takings laws
- Drafted pleadings, motions, commercial loan documents, correspondence, and other documents
- Assisted with due diligence review for commercial loan transactions on behalf of lenders

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

Research Assistant to Professor Royal Gardner

05/2011–05/2013

- Researched and analyzed legal and scientific environmental issues, including international, federal, and state wetlands protection; and mitigation and conservation banking

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa, Florida

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Elizabeth Kovachevich

01/2013–04/2013

- Conducted research, reviewed federal pleadings and motions, and prepared draft opinions

Florida Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, Appellate Division, St. Petersburg, Florida

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Amy Williams

05/2011–07/2011

- Researched and analyzed circuit court appellate legal matters and prepared draft opinions

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND AWARDS

- ALWD 2029 Biennial Conference Site Selection Committee
 - 07/2026–Present
- Recipient of the Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Research
 - 05/2026
- Treasurer, The Clay Collective of Pinellas, Inc.
 - 04/2026–Present
- ALWD Scholarship Grants Committee
 - 09/2025–04/2026
- ALWD 2025 Biennial Conference Site Committee
 - 12/2023–07/2025
- ALWD Distinguished Speakers Committee
 - 11/2023–4/2024

- Member of Society of Wetland Scientists Rights of Wetlands Initiative
 - 2020–Present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*
 - 08/2015–Present
- Deputy Editor, American Bar Association Section of International Law, *The Year in Review*
 - 11/2015, 03/2017, 12/2017, 12/2019, and 12/2020
- Environmental Working Group, Stetson University
 - 01/2016–07/2021
- Stetson Law Alumni Mentoring Program
 - 08/2019–05/2021
- Hall of Fame Induction Selection Committee, Stetson University College of Law
 - 10/2020
- Conference Working Group, “Sea Level Rise: What’s Our Next Move?”
 - 04/2015–10/2015
- Search Committee for Director of Stetson’s Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience
 - 05/2015–07/2015

BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- The Florida Bar, Admitted to Practice, *Member in Good Standing*
- Supreme Court of the United States, *Admitted to Practice*
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, *Admitted to Practice*
- Animal Law Section of The Florida Bar, *Member*
- Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar, *Member*
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, *Member*
- Legal Writing Institute, *Member*
- Scribes – The American Society of Legal Writers, *Member*