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## **BAR ADMISSION**

**Rhode Island Bar** - 1989.  
**United States Federal District Court, RI** - 1990.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Faculty, Marine Policy, Williams College-Mystic Seaport Maritime Studies Program, Mystic, CT.**  
August 2002 - present.

Teach Marine Policy course at undergraduate college program in maritime studies. Lecture from program campus, on-board the *SSV Corwith Cramer*, and on the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and Hawaiian Islands, in the areas of law and policy relating to global climate change, fisheries, marine sanctuaries, coastal zone management, coastal, ocean and water pollution, environmental law, inverse condemnation, law of the sea and oil pollution. Lead and teach in interdisciplinary panels with science, literature and history faculty in the areas of law and policy relating to arctic regions, whaling, offshore resource management, coastal storm hazard and mitigation, international shipping, seaman's rights and coastal and ecosystem management. Serve as academic advisor to upperclassmen for senior thesis and research work.

**Attorney at Law, Slatersville, RI.**  
April 2000 - present.

Private practitioner, representing clients, including litigation in Rhode Island Superior Court and Rhode Island Probate Courts, in areas of law relating to: environmental, property rights, land use and conservation, coastal zone management, water law, water pollution, farm, forestry and open space, site remediation, municipal, state and federal regulatory land use permitting and enforcement, mediation, estates, wills and trusts.

**Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, (D.E.M.)**  
Providence, RI. July, 1993 to March, 2000.

Assisted Chief Legal Counsel in managing law office of nine attorneys, and performed those legal services provided as Senior Legal Counsel and Legal Counsel for state environmental agency. Served as liaison between D.E.M. and federal Environmental Protection Agency to develop uniform environmental policies. Co-founded agency's mediation program and served as Department's Public Ethics Officer. Drafted conservation easements, deed restrictions and wrote and reviewed agency legislation and regulations to ensure consistency with state and federal laws relating to land use, environmental enforcement and water resources.

**Senior Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence, RI.** March, 1991 to July, 1993.

Supervised other agency attorneys, and performed those legal services provided as Legal Counsel for state environmental agency. Reviewed and edited legal memoranda and other legal documents prepared by other attorneys. Oversaw assignments of judicial and administrative litigation for attorneys. Evaluated evidence and merits of cases assigned to other attorneys to advise them on case strategy, trial preparation and settlement. Represented agency at various municipal, state, bar and inter-governmental workshops, conferences and public meetings to explain legal aspects of agency's functions.

**Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence, RI.**  
February, 1990 to March, 1991.

Provided a broad range of legal services to state environmental agency. Prepared memoranda, appellate briefs and motions analyzing complex legal issues for presentation to state Supreme and Superior Courts. Represented agency as trial attorney for regulatory cases before the state courts and administrative tribunals. Evaluated and analyzed regulatory policies, law and regulation to provide legal advice for proper

administration of the agency's regulatory functions. Drafted state legislation and regulations to augment the agency's regulatory authority, and testified on behalf of agency in support of varied legislation.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Adjunct Professor, Marine Biodiversity Law, Roger Williams University School of Law, Marine Law Summer Program** (2007); (Visiting Professor, 2006).

**Speaker, Rhode Island Bar Association CLE: Legal Responses To Rhode Island's Changing Ocean And Climate** (2013).

**Visiting Lecturer, Williams College: Disaster-Driven Ocean Policy** (2013).

**Guest Lecturer, Yale University-National University of Singapore: Marine Policy Management Regimes for U.S. Estuarine Protection** (2013).

**Panelist, Mystic Seaport Museum Winter Whaling Colloquium: Legal and Policy Aspects of Whales and Whaling** (2012).

**Visiting Lecturer, Roger Williams University School of Law: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Legal Ramifications of Ecological, Economic and Cultural Disaster** (2012).

**Guest Lecturer at Mystic Seaport Museum Summer Teacher's Institute: Whales and Whaling –The International and Domestic Legal Framework** (2012).

**Guest Lecturer, West Chester University, Winter Term: United States Fisheries Law and Policies** (2011).

**Guest Lecturer at University of Rhode Island, Graduate Program in Marine Affairs: Offshore Resource Law in the Wake of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill** (2011).

**Lecturer, New England and Maritime Provinces Marine Scholarship Colloquium, Vermont Law School: BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Avenues for Legal Education** (2010).

**Guest Speaker at Rhode Island Bar Association's Environmental Bar Committee – CLE: Offshore Management Legal Regimes in the Wake of BP Oil Spill** (2010).

**Guest Speaker at Environmental Law Center's Women's Lunch Series, Roger Williams University School of Law: The Evolution of a Career in Public Service** (2009).

**Visiting Lecturer, Sea Education Association: The Law of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems** (2007).

**Judge for Environmental Moot Court, Roger Williams University School of Law** (2002 - 2009).

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES, PANELS**

Rhode Island Bar Association

American Bar Association; member of Environmental, Energy and Resources, and Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Sections

Coastal Fellow, University of Rhode Island Coastal Institute (2000 - 2006)

## PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE

Save The Bay, Providence, RI  
Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Smithfield, RI  
North Smithfield Neighborhood Coalition, North Smithfield, RI  
Williams College-Mystic Seaport Maritime Studies Program, Mystic, CT  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, RI  
Indigent/low income clients, RI

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Co-Founder, HopeFull RI**, North Smithfield, RI – Non-profit organization in conjunction with Adoption RI to provide handmade personal care blankets, bags, pillows and other needs for some of Rhode Island's 2,500 foster children (2013- present)

**Founder and Board Member, Northmen Service Initiative**, North Smithfield, RI – Coordinating community service for all high school athletes (2011-present)

**Founder, New Englanders for the Gulf** – Raised \$8,000 for victims of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and coordinated victim relief program (2008-2013)

**Founder, Great Pumpkin Festival and Community Grant Program**, North Smithfield, RI – Raised \$27,000 for local community events and groups (2007-2010)

**Co-Founder, Katrina Rebound Day**, North Smithfield, RI – Raised \$45,000 for Hurricane victims in one day event (2005)

**Board Member, Clean and Green Day**, North Smithfield, RI – Organized and fundraised for annual community Earth Day awareness and litter clean up day (2003-2012)

**Board Member, Friends of the Library**, North Smithfield Public Library, North Smithfield, RI – Organized annual community events and fundraised for library services (2002-2012)

## PUBLICATIONS

*State Survey for Rhode Island Water Rights*, 6 Water and Water Rights 727-731 (R. Beck ed. 1994, 1997-2006, pending 2014).

*State Survey for Connecticut Water Rights*, 7 Water and Water Rights (R. Beck ed. 2002-2006).

*Dockominiums—In Conflict With The Public Trust Doctrine*, 24 Suff. Univ. L. R. 331 (1990).

## EDUCATION

• **Vermont Law School** - Juris Doctor, May 1989, cum laude.

*American Jurisprudence Awards* - Corporations, Ethics

• **University of Rhode Island** - BA in Geography and Marine Affairs with concentration in Marine Environmental Policy, May 1985, cum laude.

• **Williams College/Mystic Seaport** - Completed semester program in American Maritime Studies including Gulf of Mexico research trip on board *R/V Westward*. January-May 1984.