



National  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW CLINIC**  
Directory  
**2020**

## **University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law**

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In partnership with other University of Arizona units, the clinic provides law students with practical experience at the intersection of law, policy and science governing western natural resources. It addresses a range of matters pertaining to water, endangered species, public lands, climate change, and tribal land and resources. In doing so, the clinic aims to forge collaborative, non-litigation solutions to sustainable natural resource use that considers impacts to rural communities and ecosystems. Moreover, the clinic supports the University, as a land grant institution, in its mission to bring applied research and education to the greater public. Students may work with a variety of clients, including university-based scientists and researchers, tribal governments and members, rural community organizations, and individuals. Projects run the gamut from drafting articles on proposed legislation and recently promulgated agency rules and management plans, assisting tribes with land acquisitions, advising communities on general stream adjudications, and developing state legislative proposals to incorporate prescribed burning into rangeland health and watershed restoration activities.

## **Barry University**

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The Barry Environmental and Earth Law Clinic represents clients on issues that are critical to the preservation of Central Florida's environment and the Earth as a whole. Our clients are non-profit organizations fighting for environmental protection in underserved communities and the preservation of Florida's natural resources. We draft legislation, work on amicus briefs, prepare comment and advocacy statements, pursue and collate information from governmental agencies and other sources, meet with government officials, give advice on unique Florida constitutional provisions and identify innovative ordinances throughout the country. We have worked on a wide variety of issues including uncontrolled contamination in poor communities, fracking, wastewater discharge into rapid infiltration basins, SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) claims against environmental activists, legislative prohibitions against plastic bag bans, the home rule doctrine, the public trust doctrine and interstate water usage. We will also be advising a local micro-farming start-up and a non-profit mattress recycling operation on business organization and regulatory issues.

## **University of Buffalo**

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Student Lawyers work on issues such as legal aspects on the first North American transboundary designation of a wetland of international importance, local and state climate change work, and sustainability in our region. The Clinic also works on environmental justice and equity issues in the city of Buffalo, and waterfront development matters including climate change in Western NY.

## **University of California, Berkeley**

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The Environmental Law Clinic provides students with hands-on experience in administrative agency practice, litigation, legislation, and policymaking. We aim to make students creative and effective environmental lawyers; to address the environmental legal needs of underserved communities; and to make an environmental difference. The Clinic focuses on **environmental health** (EH) and **environmental justice** (EJ). Our EH docket includes work to reduce human exposure to toxic chemicals (such as those in pesticides, consumer products, and occupational settings), and exposure to radiation (such as from cell phones). Our EJ work focuses heavily on climate justice and the provision of clean energy to disadvantaged communities. We also get involved in drinking water quality, land use, and other issues that implicate EJ interests.

## **University of California, Davis**

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The Aoki Water Justice Clinic combines transactional law, policy advocacy, and strategic research to ensure low-income California communities receive clean, safe, and affordable drinking water. It is the first law clinic of its kind in the country. Students in the clinic deliver direct legal assistance; educate decision-makers and the public on the relationship between racial inequality, poverty, and lack of access to safe water; and identify strategies for eliminating the root causes of water inequality. Students partner with clients to secure funding, form new management entities, merge water systems, draft agreements, provide due diligence reviews, provide comments and analysis on water and land-use policies, bring systems into regulatory compliance, and strengthen governance. The Clinic also offers board and community trainings, and it develops templates and guides for community advocates.

## **University of California, Irvine**

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The Environmental Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to work on important and challenging matters involving the protection and enhancement of the environment and human health in non-litigation and litigation matters. The Clinic advocates on behalf of clients in courts and administrative tribunals, and provide advice and counseling to clients on policy and strategic matters. The Clinic's docket is diverse, spanning a wide range of environmental and natural resources law, covering local, regional and national issues. The Clinic strives to empower its clients and inform the larger community about environmental issues and strategies. In addition, the Clinic works closely with UCI Law's Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources (CLEANR).

## **University of California, Los Angeles**

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The Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic works on projects across environmental and natural resources law subjects. Our work has included air quality, GHG regulation, environmental justice, water, endangered species, coastal protection, and just about anything else you can think of. Recent clients have included NRDC, Earthjustice, the Center for Biological Diversity, Oceana, Communities for a Better Environment, Surfrider Foundation, and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, among others.

### **University of Chicago Law School**

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Founded by Clinical Professor of Law Mark Templeton in January 2012, the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago has undertaken a wide variety of environmental and energy projects during the past almost nine years. Topically, we have worked on matters involving state public utility commission proceedings (rate cases, renewable energy plan cases, and integrated resource plan cases); the Social Cost of Carbon in federal rulemaking such as the Affordable Clean Energy Rule and in federal decisions related to coal-leasing; citizen-enforcement of clean water laws; CERCLA sites and public housing; federal securities laws; and state coal and surface mining laws. With regard to approach, we typically look for litigation projects, but we have also commented on proposed regulations and environmental impact statements, and we have undertaken occasionally policy projects for which we bring a unique perspective, such as when we can collaborate with the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago. The Clinic worked with a variety of partners and clients, including Earthjustice, the East Chicago Calumet Coalition Community Advisory Group, Environmental Law and Policy Center, EDF, Friends of the Chicago River, NRDC, Oceana, Ocean Conservancy, Prairie Rivers Network, Recovery on Water, Sierra Club, Soulardarity, Surfrider, and various individuals.

### **University of Colorado**

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Founded in 1978, the Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic is one of the country's first environmental law clinics. In 2010, the Clinic moved in house to the Law School, where the Clinic continues its mission of training future attorneys through the representation of clients in environmental cases. The Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic engages in litigation and related advocacy efforts, most commonly on behalf of national or local environmental groups, including administrative decision-making.

### **Columbia University School of Law**

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The Clinic is involved in a range of litigation and advocacy issues, including challenges to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) process for reviewing applications for a Certificate to construct natural gas pipelines, including the grant of eminent domain to pipeline

companies before the companies receive all state and federal approvals required for construction. In partnership with other groups the Clinic is reviewing state CAFO general permits to determine compliance with federal requirements, including suing the State of Maryland for the failure to include effluent monitoring in the CAFO general permit, reviewing a recently issued MS4 permit in New Jersey for compliance with federal law and challenging an NRD settlement between the State of New Jersey and Exxon because the settlement inadequately compensates the public for the natural resource damages.

### **University of Connecticut School of Law**

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This clinic focuses on current issues in Connecticut environmental law as well as public interest legal advocacy approaches to such issues. It is offered through the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE), the premier non-profit public-interest legal advocate for Connecticut's environment. Students work directly with CFE attorneys on CFE matters pending before administrative agencies, courts and the legislature.

### **CUNY School of Law**

**Director:** Rebecca Bratspies

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The CUNY Health and Environmental Justice Practice Clinic provides students the opportunity to advocate for underserved and historically marginalized communities and individuals, and to support governmental efforts for environmental justice and health justice. The core of the Clinic's work is student advocacy for environmental and health equity. Students work on either health access or environmental justice issues. Students are placed in externships with community and government partners where they work to dismantle legal barriers that negatively impact the health and well-being of vulnerable communities and individuals. Clinic students also act as advocates for community, non-profit, educational, faith-based, and other organizations and groups engaged in work designed to further environmental and health justice. Class time focuses on advanced practice skills needed to transition from law students to practice-ready attorneys. Classroom discussions are designed to help students connect theory to practice, and frequently include guest lectures from practicing attorneys. Environmental-focused students immerse themselves in the right to a safe, healthy, clean, and sustainable environment. Working alongside underserved communities, students advocate for community access to renewable energy, pollution prevention and enforcement in frontline communities, and healthy, lead-free homes. Students learn from experienced practitioners about building the skills they will need to advocate for environmental and climate justice. Classroom discussions identify the justice gaps in existing environmental laws and prepare students to engage with all levels of government in pursuit of environmental equity. Students devise strategies to facilitate effective community participation in environmental decision-making under NEPA, SEQRA, and CERCLA, with a special emphasis on environmental justice communities in New York City.

## **University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

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Under the supervision of Professors Kevin Lynch and Wyatt Sassman, student attorneys in the University of Denver Environmental Law Clinic provide representation to national, regional, local, and tribal environmental advocacy organizations. The Clinic deals with a broad range of environmental laws addressing public lands, endangered species and wildlife, water, natural resources, pollution prevention, and environmental justice including, but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Forest Management Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act. The Clinic's litigation often focuses on government agency action; however, some cases may involve citizen enforcement of environmental protection statutes like the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

## **Duke School of Law**

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The Environmental Law and Policy Clinic trains the next generation of leaders to solve environmental problems by providing access to justice for underserved communities. The Clinic is a decade-long partnership between Duke Law and the Nicholas School of the Environment, and it pairs law students with students pursuing a Master's of Environmental Management or PhD degree in environmental fields of study to create interdisciplinary teams. The Clinic's clients are nonprofit organizations, primarily those located in North Carolina and the Southeast in order to maximize client contact. Its diverse docket currently includes state policy work on lead in drinking water, hazardous waste remediation and water contamination regulation in a historically African American community, ESA litigation, stormwater plastic pollution, unequal access to sanitation, state rulemaking on climate change, and the water quality impacts of CAFOs. Advanced students have explored the use of drones in conservation and research, and analyzed federal farm policy concerning small farms and farmers of color. Among other cases, the Clinic successfully represented a rural community opposing a proposed Navy outlying landing field, represented residents who opposed the construction of what would have been the largest cement plant in the Southeast, and negotiated a precedent-setting settlement with the state of North Carolina to protect endangered sea turtles from bycatch in commercial fishing gear. In addition to two supervising attorneys, the Clinic hosts two Law Fellows, a Science and Policy Fellow, and a Communications Manager.

## **University of Detroit Mercy School of Law**

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The Environmental Law Clinic works to affect regulatory policy in all three branches of state and federal government. Specific client projects include drafting comment letters on permit applications; researching and developing legislative proposals at the request of lawmakers and public interest organizations; advising state and federal lawmakers and providing formal

testimony at legislative committees; petitioning federal and state environmental agencies for rulemaking; commenting on proposed federal, state and international environmental agreements and agency administrative rules; representing public interest organizations in significant and precedent-setting administrative permit decision proceedings; challenging agency rulemaking and permitting decisions in state and federal courts; bringing enforcement actions to set new precedents for the application of existing statutes and regulations to emerging environmental problems. Our issue focus areas include water, energy, air pollution, and environmental justice. The clinic works in partnership with the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center.

### **Elisabeth Haub School of Law**

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The Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, through its student interns, represents Riverkeeper, Inc., Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc. and other environmental groups in a variety of contexts. Principally, PELC files and prosecutes lawsuits on behalf of its clients seeking to enforce the Clean Water Act and state environmental statutes, either through pursuing industrial permit violators or compelling EPA or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to comply with the requirements of the statutes. In addition, PELC drafts and submits comments on prospective regulatory changes, permit applications or environmental impact statements.

### **Emory University School of Law**

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The Turner Environmental Law Clinic provides individuals, community groups, nonprofit organizations, and governments with over 4,000 hours of pro bono legal representation a year, addressing issues related to environmental justice, regenerative agriculture and local food systems, sustainable energy and climate change, and protection and restoration of natural resources. The Clinic's transactional, policy, and litigation work spans the country, and its docket is carefully designed to train the next generation of environmental attorneys.

### **University of Florida**

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The Clinic is transactional and policy focused with a diverse project portfolio, ranging from international projects such as an amicus brief before the Inter-American Court for Human Rights to the drafting and negotiation of conservation easements for sea turtle protection. The Clinic is also interdisciplinary, taking advantage of the faculty and students at a major research university with an extension mission. Since we are in Florida a substantial piece of the Clinic's portfolio addresses marine and coastal issues, and sea level rise policy planning has been a recent focus. The Clinic also does a considerable amount of work with local governments in the area of comprehensive planning and land development. We have most recently been working in the area

of food law, assisting with both the planning and zoning for a community food center, as well as some of the entrepreneurial aspects of the project.

### **The George Washington University**

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GWLaw offers two options for clinic type work. The first is the Environment and Energy Policy Practicum. The Practicum links students with non-profit organizations and government agencies to conduct in-depth research on a public policy issue over the course of a semester. Students are expected to complete the equivalent of a 30-page research paper on a single issue agreed upon between the GW faculty, the student and the organization. The projects are supervised by GW faculty members allowing students to work with organizations that do not have attorneys to supervise student projects. GW also offers a small clinical program supervised by Professor Jonathan Turkey that allows students to work on cases for which Professor Turkey serves as the client's attorney.

### **Georgetown University Law Center**

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The Clinic represents a range of organizations (national, regional, local), individuals in litigation at all levels of federal court system, occasionally in MD/VA courts, typically against government agencies (federal/state/local) violating environmental laws or regulations. The Clinic also files amicus briefs in support of strict interpretation of environmental/natural resources mandates. Occasionally, the Clinic will file comments on agency rulemakings/initiatives mostly at state level. The Georgetown Climate Center (GCC) gives students the chance to work on cutting edge climate and energy policy issues. The GCC is a leading resource for state and federal government officials, academics and stakeholders. Students working with the GCC collaborate with faculty, staff attorneys and outside clients on questions of climate change, energy, transportation and adaptation.

### **University of Georgia School of Law**

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Advanced research in legal control of environmental problems identified by watershed stakeholders/clients, with primary attention given to water and biodiversity issues.

### **Golden Gate University School of Law**

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Founded in consultation with community leaders with the explicit recognition that race is often at the root of environmental injustice, the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic provides legal and policy tools to groups representing the interests of African Americans and other people of color

and low-income communities. In its third decade of service, the Clinic’s geographic focus has been the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood in San Francisco, a historically Black community, and other similar communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. In recent years, the Clinic has prioritized three core areas: (1) cleaning up nonpoint source pollution caused predominantly by agriculture that has created “Flint in California”; (2) investigating and publicizing the gaps in the regional air district’s lax permitting and enforcement policies that pose potential public health threats; and (3) ensuring that a landmark California law requiring community air pollution reduction plans is effective on the ground, as implemented.

### **Gonzaga University School of Law**

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The Gonzaga Environmental Law and Land Use Clinic provides students with an opportunity to work with regional environmental organization and neighborhood groups on local land use matters (enforcing Washington's Growth Management Act), citizen suit actions (primarily Clean Water Act), legal research for clients in a variety of areas, assistance with and enforcement of public record and open meeting laws, assisting local interests with state and local policy development, and NEPA litigation. In addition, the Clinic often assists other public interest organizations in advocacy through the filing of amicus briefs, submissions of comments, and appearing before decision makers to provide oral testimony.

### **Harvard Law School**

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The Clinic works on a broad array of issues ranging from citizen science, climate change mitigation and resiliency, promotion of renewable energy and technologies (such as district energy and microgrids) for reducing GHG emissions, education of citizens about their rights, defending the role of science and scientists in sound decision-making, submitting comments and briefs challenging regulatory rollbacks across all areas of environmental and natural resources law, improved oversight and management of offshore oil and gas drilling, protection of the Arctic and national monuments, climate displacement, energy and environmental justice, lead in drinking water, and carbon capture and sequestration.

### **University of Hawaii School of Law**

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The Clinic focuses on providing students the opportunity to hone their legal skills, including analyzing legal issues, developing and implementing case strategy, collaborating with clients, refining factual and legal research, and writing persuasively. Initial classes are spent reviewing relevant state and/or federal laws relating to natural and cultural resource management. Students then work in teams to assist clients on a range of issues. The primary work product is legal

memoranda, although students also prepare pleadings, comment letters, or oral or written testimony.

### **Indiana University Maurer School of Law**

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The Conservation Law Clinic focuses on providing counsel to non-profit organizations doing natural resources conservation work. The Clinic provides legal advice on a great variety of specific questions arising from the work of its clients. Areas of special focus are protection of threatened species and ecosystems, the conservation of streams, rivers and lakes, and the law of conservation easements. The Clinic regularly assists clients with the interpretation of existing and new conservation-related laws, comments on proposed changes in administrative rules, and engages in litigation at trial and appellate levels.

### **Lewis & Clark Law School**

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Earthrise Law Center is Lewis & Clark's environmental litigation clinic. Earthrise is a team of impassioned attorneys and staff working to achieve targeted environmental improvement while teaching the next generation of advocates to do the same. Earthrise provides low or no cost legal services for nonprofit conservation organizations in virtually the entire spectrum of environmental and natural resources law, from protecting endangered species and ecosystems to preventing and reducing air and water pollution. Our clients range from small grassroots nonprofits to large national organizations. At Earthrise, law students earn academic credit for working closely with attorneys on all aspects of litigation over the course of an entire academic year, or over the course of the summer. We typically bring complex, environmental cases in federal court. In matters of regional or national significance, we also regularly submit briefs on behalf of *amici* in the courts of appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Our staff consists of three clinical professors (including the two co-directors), two staff attorneys, two legal fellows, and two administrative professionals. We are headquartered in Portland, Oregon on the Lewis & Clark campus, but we also have an east coast office outside of Boston. We have filed cases in more than a dozen states and the District of Columbia.

### **University of Maryland**

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The goal of the Environmental Law Clinic is to train future environmental lawyers by working to improve environmental law and policy at the state, regional, national levels, and international levels. The Clinic works on a variety of cutting edge environmental issues in both urban and rural settings. The Clinic also utilizes its proximity to Washington DC to enhance opportunities for students to work on matters at national and international levels. The Clinic is a full year

experience designed to allow students to immerse themselves in complex environmental law experiences, working on issues at the local, state, federal and international levels and how these different levels of governance intersect.

The Clinic prioritizes matters that: aid non-profit environmental organizations on the advancement of particular environmental goals, build the capacity of government agencies to perform essential regulatory, compliance, planning, public participation, and enforcement functions in environmental law, provide law students with specific work in research, writing, oral presentation, advocacy, or other key legal skills and allow for collaborations with other academic programs, centers, and clinics.

### **University of Miami School of Law**

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The Environmental Justice Clinic (EJC) advocates for and seeks to empower low-and moderate-income communities who disproportionately bear the environmental, economic, and health burdens of the development, implementation, and enforcement of the law. Employing a community lawyering approach, we seek systemic change for our clients through advocacy, public policy resources, rights education, and transactional assistance. Our work sits at the intersection of civil rights, environmental, poverty, and public health law, tackling issues in South Florida including climate change, displacement, contamination, environmental health, municipal equity, and more. Increasingly, we view our work through the lens of climate change, one of the most significant social justice issues of our time, and which will be felt most acutely by the poor and marginalized.

### **University of Michigan Law**

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Founded in 1983, the Environmental Law & Sustainability Clinic offers students the opportunity to learn to be effective advocates while representing the National Wildlife Federation, its state affiliates, and other similar organizations. Clinic cases focus on issues in the Great Lakes watershed. Issues include nutrient pollution & algal bloom formation, invasive species from ballast water discharges, oil spills, water withdrawals & diversions, wildlife population health, and drinking water infrastructure. Because the Great Lakes watershed includes eight American states and two Canadian provinces, the clinic also works on international issues such as transboundary pollution and shared water resource management. Students can expect a semester of varied, engaging, and meaningful work. The diverse caseload allows students to participate in trial & appellate litigation, submit comments on proposed rules & permits, draft legislation, author opinion letters, deliver community presentations, publish blog posts, and contribute to press releases. The curriculum includes specific training on writing for public consumption, providing legal support for policy advocacy, engagement with media, project management, multiparty negotiations, lawyering in an administrative setting, document design, and engaging with technical experts.

## **University of Montana**

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The primary mission of the Land Use and Natural Resources Clinic is to provide government support on land use and natural resources issues facing our community and state. On occasion, the clinic assists non-profit organizations that are engaged in studies or educational initiatives related to natural resource issues in the West. The clinic does not represent non-profit organizations in litigation matters. In selecting clinic projects, emphasis is made on the importance of community service, the interdisciplinary nature of natural resources law, and the complex balancing of stakeholder interests and perspectives that is necessary to a land use and natural resources practice. This clinic has three tracks: land use, water, and wildlife. Students are not limited to one track, and clinic projects often involve multiple natural resource issues.

## **University of New Mexico**

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The clinic provides a wide variety of legal services to underrepresented individuals, community-based groups, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to protect, preserve, and use lands and natural resources, and improve public health and the environment. Students are participants in various venues including administrative, legislative and judicial proceedings. As part of the clinic experience students will participate in screening new matters and potential clients; meeting with clients; field trips to affected sites; creating solutions; researching and developing factual and legal issue; administrative proceedings and litigation; meetings with opposing counsel and agency representatives; reviewing administrative records; developing expert testimony; and drafting comments, petitions, codes, regulations, pleadings, and briefs.

## **New York Law School**

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The Conservation Law and Policy Clinic works on projects delegated by the counsel's office of the client, a leading national and global conservation organization. These projects cover legal and policy issues related to the client's work in the public and private arenas. Projects range from 50-state advisory papers on conservation issues affecting the client's land holdings, position papers on public conservation issues, work on conservation transactions facilitated by the client, and legislative work.

## **Northwestern Pritzker School of Law**

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The Northwestern Environmental Advocacy Clinic (EAC) focuses on Environmental Justice, natural resources protection, Superfund/remediation issues (generally with a focus on environmental justice), and issues related to energy, climate change and sustainability, both in

the U.S. and globally. The EAC works with and/or provides legal research and advice to support the activities of several environmental organizations, including the Environmental Law & Policy Center, World Wildlife Fund, and Elevate Energy. The EACs current work includes representation of the residents at two Superfund sites (both environmental justice communities), representation of an environmental justice community in efforts to reduce/eliminate and monitor pollution from petcoke and manganese, and representation of farmers challenging a planned frack sand mines in rural Illinois.

### **University of Oregon Law School**

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An Environmental Law Clinic was formed at the University of Oregon School of Law in 1976, making it one of the oldest in the nation. Students enrolled in the Clinic are supervised by attorneys with the Western Environmental Law Center, a non-profit law firm based in Eugene, with offices in Helena, Montana; Taos, New Mexico, and Seattle, Washington. Currently, clinic students work on federal court cases in three general areas: wildlife, public lands, and climate and energy. Cases generally involve federal environmental causes of action including the ESA, NEPA, and the Clean Water Act. They also tend to involve wildlife such as grizzly bears, Canada lynx, amphibians, and salmon and steelhead trout.

### **University of Pittsburgh School of Law**

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The Pittsburgh Environmental Law Clinic is currently taking cases in a wide variety of areas including air quality, water quality, oil and gas production, federal lands, and regulatory advocacy. The Clinic represents clients in matters ranging from regulatory advocacy to litigation to client counseling. The clinic gives priority to issues that impact Western Pennsylvania but is available to assist groups with issues that reach beyond Western PA.

### **Rutgers School of Law**

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The Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic serves two vital and interdependent functions: providing an opportunity for law students to practice environmental advocacy and serving New Jersey's environmental community through trial and appellate litigation, administrative advocacy and policy development.

### **University of San Diego School of Law**

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The Energy Law and Policy Clinic at the University of San Diego School of Law partners with a state agency or local government each Spring to address a legal or policy issue faced by a commissioner, mayor's office, city council, counsel, and/or staff. The Clinic begins its twelfth year having worked on issues ranging from the community choice aggregation, the evolution of the Clean Power Plan, FERC Open Access Tariffs, appliance energy efficiency standards, power plant siting, cap-and-trade, to incorporation environmental externalities into cost-effectiveness analysis. Our near-term plans are to expand our work for local governments on climate and energy issues while building relationship with other state regulators and clinics to undertake issues outside of California.

### **Stanford School of Law**

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The Clinic accepts a diversity of representations from very small grassroots to sophisticated national groups on a range of topics (water, oceans, species, climate, land use) using a range of advocacy skills (litigation, administrative practice, policy work, and strategic advising). The Clinic's client representations tend to be challenging, uncertain, policy-impact oriented, and (in our judgment) socially important. For example, we are litigating several state law cases attempting to reduce agricultural discharges and simultaneously working with the client coalitions on administrative and legislative strategies. In response to the changing federal regime, we have recently agreed to work on behalf of, or beside, local governments defending progressive local climate and other policies (e.g., City of Oakland's bulk coal handling ban, City of Marina's effort to shut down harmful coastal sand mine that is exacerbating sea level rise problems, Monterey County's successful voter initiative to ban fracking, wastewater injection, and the expansion of existing oil and gas production).

### **University of Texas**

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The Texas Law Environmental Clinic's clients include individuals, neighborhood associations, state and national nonprofits, and local governments. Many of our clients live in communities surrounded by multiple, large pollution sources, including refineries and chemical plants. Clinic students seek to empower these communities to improve their health and environmental quality using a wide variety of tools, including: environmental permit challenges, citizen suits, site cleanups, Title VI civil rights complaints, rulemaking comments, and public education materials and trainings. The Clinic frequently partners with Texas legal services organizations and with national NGOs.

### **Tulane University Law School**

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The Clinic handles many requests from grassroots groups and individual members of these groups who are composed of mostly low income, African American residents facing inordinate

burdens of industrial pollution. The Clinic challenges permits for new facilities and expansions or pollution increases from existing facilities under the Clean Air Act and state laws. Nearly all of our state work involves requiring the state agencies to comply with their public trustee duties under the state Constitution, which is essentially the same as NEPA duties in federal law. For these same communities, and their regional and national partners, we often also file Title V Clean Air Act petitions with the EPA and litigate EPA's failure to respond. Some of these facilities are on wetlands, and in those instances we typically file comments on and sometimes litigate the wetlands permits. The Clinic also does quite a bit of work for regional and national clients on a wide variety of issues, including upcoming litigation on EPA's approval of the state's arbitrary setting of nearly hypoxic site specific dissolved oxygen water quality criteria for an entire region of the state. We do a good bit of work challenging Army Corps issuance of wetlands destruction permits on behalf of clients who seek to preserve the swamps of the Atchafalaya Basin and access to these swamps by fishermen and crawfishermen who rely on them for their livelihood, culture and recreation. The Clinic may also see increasing work dealing with the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan and ensuring that coastal communities have an effective voice in the planning and implementation of the Master Plan.

### **Vermont Law School**

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The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic is an in-house clinic that operates as a public interest law office. As a clinic at an independent law school, we have the freedom to bring potentially controversial litigation and building our Environmental Justice work. The Clinic anticipate representing clients across the country that have the greatest need which will require partnering with local counsel to ensure we can represent client concerns.

### **University of Virginia School of Law**

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The Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic at the University of Virginia fits within the Law School's Program in Law, Communities and the Environment (PLACE). Students in this semester-long clinic have the opportunity to work on real-world environmental cases in a variety of venues — before courts, administrative agencies and public utility commissions. In communities impacted by environmental harm, many voices need representation. The clinic has represented a diverse array of public-interest clients in recent years, from a community group working to preserve an early 20th-century black schoolhouse, to local governments filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition to working on in-house clinic cases, students also have the option of working closely with attorneys at the Southern Environmental Law Center, a nationally prominent environmental law and policy organization that is headquartered in Charlottesville. Students interested in a yearlong clinic experience may enroll in the Advanced Clinic (a two-credit course) after successful completion of one semester in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic

## **Wake Forest University**

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Started in January 2020, the Environmental Law and Policy Clinic at Wake Forest focuses on nonlitigation matters at the local, state, and international levels. Students have a chance to work with international NGOs on formulating international best practices and policies as well as briefing international bodies on environmental and human rights issues. At the state and local level, the Clinic is working with clients to focus on urban and rural environmental justice and environmental policy matters particular to the Piedmont Triad as well as more broadly in North Carolina.

## **University of Washington**

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The UW Regulatory Environmental Law & Policy Clinic helps public interest organizations advocate effectively before the agencies that administer our environmental laws at both the state and federal level. We draft petitions for new or amended regulation and, to a lesser extent, draft comments on proposed rules, permits, policies or environmental impact statements. We make environmental law work better by working where environmental law works every day. The clinic typically takes on three matters each year and dedicates about six months to each project.

## **Washington University in St. Louis**

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The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic is staffed by two attorneys, an environmental engineer, and an environmental scientist as well as a diverse group of law, engineering, environmental science, environmental policy, public health, medicine, and business students. Clinic work is done through interdisciplinary teams supervised by one attorney and one technical faculty. The scope of Clinic cases is based on clients' needs; clients include non-profit groups, communities, and individuals who are pursuing legal action to protect the environment and community health but who cannot afford the legal representation. While providing pro bono legal and technical services to environmental and community organizations in Missouri and Illinois, the Clinic handles a wide range of matters, involving issues such as air and water pollution, solid and hazardous waste, energy, and environmental justice.

## **University of West Virginia Law**

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The Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic (Land Use Clinic) provides legal and planning services to conserve land and water, supports local land use planning, and offers educational opportunities for law students and citizens of West Virginia. The Land Use Clinic provides technical assistance to local government officials, planners, and other land use decision-

makers to encourage sustainable development in appropriate areas of the community. The Land Use Clinic collaborates with the West Virginia Land Trust, other land trusts and non-profits, and local governments to identify appropriate properties for conservation.

### **Widener University Delaware Law School**

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The Clinic focuses on environmental advocacy and policy (legislative and regulatory) development. On the advocacy side, the Clinic represents clients in Clean Water Act and state permitting proceedings, including appeals of permitting decisions. We also assist clients in identifying and initiating Clean Water Act enforcement litigation. On the policy development side, the Clinic assists clients in responding to legislative and regulatory developments at the state level. This has in recent past included advocacy concerning the statutory and regulatory changes concerning Delaware's Coastal Zone Act, as well as developing a regulatory push concerning lead paint on water towers. The Clinic has also developed an analysis of legal tools available for sea level rise adaptation.

### **William & Mary Law School**

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The Virginia Coastal Policy Center (VCPC) provides legal and policy analysis to Virginia's state agencies, legislature, and local governments and PDCs providing science-based legal and policy analysis of ecological issues affecting the state's coastal resources, providing education and advice to a host of Virginia's decision-makers, from government officials and legal scholars to non-profit and business leaders. With two nationally prominent science partners – the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, one of the largest marine research and education centers in the United States, and Virginia Sea Grant, a nationally recognized broker of scientific information – VCPC works with scientists, local and state political figures, community leaders, the military, and others to integrate the latest science with legal and policy analysis to solve coastal resource management issues. VCPC activities are inherently interdisciplinary, drawing on scientific, economic, public policy, sociological, and other expertise from within the College and across the country. We also host an annual conference on climate-related and other coastal issues.

### **University of Wyoming School of Law**

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The Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law Clinic works closely with attorneys from the Water and Natural Resources Division of the Wyoming Attorney General's Office on cases involving the State, State agencies, or State officials with a focus on natural resource issues. It is a two semester class that will be jointly managed and taught by professors from the College of Law and attorneys from the Wyoming Attorney General's Office.

## **Yale Law School**

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The Environmental Justice Clinic (EJ) seeks to advance Environmental Justice and enforce civil rights by employing interdisciplinary tools to build legal, administrative, and scientific capacity in support of community-based advocacy. The EJ Clinic works primarily on civil rights enforcement in the EJ context and related EJ issues on behalf of the community groups we represent. This leads us to other strategies and issues such as sewage and infrastructure problems in rural communities; the impacts of industrial animal agriculture; toxics exposure; and discriminatory environmental enforcement.