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EMPLOYMENT

Columbia Climate School, Center for Sustainable Urban Development

Director, Resilient Coastal Communities Project

2021 - present

Co-founded in November 2021 with Dr. Jacqueline Klopp, the Resilient Coastal Communities Project is dedicated to supporting actionable, equitable solutions to coastal flooding and fostering complementary benefits such as habitat restoration, job creation and more empowered communities.

Riverkeeper

President & Hudson Riverkeeper 2010 to 2021 Enriched Riverkeeper's 52-year tradition of clean water advocacy, pursuing targeted litigation and gaining passage of cutting-edge safe drinking water laws. Fostered regional resiliency, increased community empowerment and blocked new fossil fuel shipments on the Hudson. Established diversity, equity and inclusion as core values.

- Built Riverkeeper's water quality testing program into the largest in the state, helping to drive \$2.9 billion in infrastructure funding and new controls on toxics in drinking water.
- Guided Riverkeeper's campaign in support of NY's precedent-setting ban on fracking.
- Concluded agreement with NY and Entergy to close Indian Point nuclear power plant.
- Raised revenue, staffing and volunteer advocacy to new highs. Partnered with the board to revitalize governance and complete three successive five-year strategic plans.
- Received four-star rating from Charity Navigator for seven straight years.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

President

2008 to 2010

- Expanded community support for conservation by increasing its relevance to working waterfront and farming communities.
- Established and funded grants program to support coastal towns & businesses.
- Broadened public access to MCHT's preserves.
- Managed MCHT's successful application for national accreditation.

Westchester Land Trust

Executive Director

2000 to 2008

- Achieved seven-fold increases in preservation activity and funding.
- Organized creation of a dozen new municipal land acquisition programs and tripled the number of communities where WLT conserves land.
- Coordinated \$73 Million in new preserve, farmland and park acquisitions.
- Created an endowment amounting to four years' operating expenses and obtained the gift of a permanent home for the organization.
- Gained certification as one of the nation's first seven accredited land trusts.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Regional Attorney, Special Assistant to the Commissioner**

1990 to 2000

- Managed legal, policy initiatives at the Department's 180-person New York City office, supervising enforcement, remediation, public affairs, permitting and habitat programs.
- Closed rogue oil barge operations and waste transfer stations. Obtained comprehensive oil spill cleanups at NYC airports, transit facilities and housing complexes. Obtained reductions in nitrogen pollution and wet weather overflows at area wastewater plants.
- Oversaw closure of Fresh Kills Landfill, the world's largest waste management facility.
- Spearheaded a multi-year "trackdown" initiative to find and eliminate the most significant sources of pollution in New York Harbor.
- Managed the first state-supervised brownfields cleanup project in New York City history, transforming a defunct power plant into the area's largest paper recycler.

Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York

Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau

1987 to 1990

Represented DEC and other state agencies in environmental enforcement and permitting litigation. Obtained federal and state court orders protecting wetlands, closing numerous illegal waste disposal sites and defending water conservation measures preserving the sustainability of Long Island's potable groundwater supply.

Cole & Deitz

Associate Attorney, Litigation Department

1984 to 1987

Pursued commercial litigation in state and federal court including land use, environmental impact review and pollution abatement cases.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Columbia University - Lecturer, Earth Institute

2018 - present

Subjects include sustainable energy and water resource management; the role of non-governmental organizations in preserving environmental quality; the interplay between regulators, communities and business; and, issues of equity and inclusion.

Clarkson University - Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law

2014-2017

Williams College - Visiting Professor of Environmental Law

2004-2007

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law

J.D. 1984

Williams College

B.A. 1981

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Columbia University - Earth Institute. Practicum in Innovative Sustainability Leadership. Guest lecture: *Clean Water Advocacy in the Trump Era*. April 2017.

Harvard University - Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure. *Valuing Green Infrastructure: Next Generation Planning Perspectives on Urban Water Management*. February 2017.

American Bar Association Journal. *Environmental enforcement has plummeted in the era of Trump. Here's what we can do about it.* July/August 2019.

Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Conference on Global Warming. Closing keynote: *Community Advocacy and Climate Change.* October 2015.

Huffington Post. Op-ed Contributor. 2013 to 2018.