

Environmental Law: Year in Review
Biographies for Speakers and Moderators
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Sarah Armitage, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (Speaker)

Sarah works at DEQ in Air Quality Planning focusing primarily on community air toxics assessment and reduction. She has been at DEQ since 1987, and has served in the asbestos, fuels, business assistance and air permitting compliance programs. Sarah received a degree in biology from Williams College and a J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School.

Representative Jules Bailey, Oregon House of Representatives (Lunch Speaker)

Jules represents the residents of House District 42, which includes inner SE and parts of NE Portland, in the Oregon House of Representatives. During the last legislative session he served as the Chair of the House Energy and Environment Committee. He also served as co-vice chair on the Revenue Committee and the Joint Committee on Tax Credits, and as a member of the Natural Resources sub-committee of Ways and Means.

Jules grew up in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Southeast Portland. He graduated from Lincoln High School and Lewis and Clark College, where he majored in Environmental Studies and International Affairs. After working for Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, Jules did his graduate studies at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his Master of Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning with a certification in Environmental Policy. In 2009, Jules founded Pareto Global, LLC. Prior to founding Pareto Global, Jules was an economist and sustainable development specialist at ECONorthwest. He works at the intersection of economics, public policy, the environment, and urban development and brings a specialization in public private collaboration and stakeholder integration.

Aubrey Baldwin, Earthrise Law Center (Speaker)

Aubrey Baldwin is a clinical professor of law and staff attorney at the Earthrise Law Center. Before law school, Ms. Baldwin worked as a community organizer addressing urban food systems issues, provided counseling services and started an organic CSA farm in East Tennessee. Following law school, Ms. Baldwin was an associate at a small firm focusing on state and federal actions under the Clean Air Act on behalf of citizen activists and public interest organizations.

Susan Jane Brown, Western Environmental Law Center (Speaker)

Susan Jane Brown is a staff attorney with the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC). Her primary focus of litigation is federal public lands forest management, but her practice includes cases involving the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, and other land management statutes. She is also heavily engaged in collaborative forest restoration in the Upper John Day Basin in eastern Oregon.

Michael Campbell, Stoel Rives LLP (Speaker)

Michael Campbell is a partner practicing in the Environment, Land Use and Natural Resources at Stoel Rives LLP. His practice emphasizes water quality regulation and permitting. He represents industrial, utility, municipal, port, timber industry, and other clients on a variety of water quality matters, including wastewater and storm water discharge permits, federal and state fill permits, section 401 certifications and the development of water quality standards and regulations.

Mary Cooper, Oregon State Bar (Speaker)

Mary graduated from Hastings Law School in 1983. She worked at the San Francisco law firm of Long & Levit, doing insurance coverage and legal malpractice defense, until moving to Oregon in 1990. Mary was admitted to the Oregon State Bar and began working as an assistant disciplinary counsel there on the first working day of 1991. Mary enjoys coaching high school mock trial. She and her husband own a small tree farm (small farm, big trees) in southern Oregon.

Heath Curtiss, Oregon Forest Industries Council (Speaker)

Heath Curtiss is General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for the Oregon Forest Industries Council. OFIC is a trade association representing Oregon's industrial timberland owners and forest products manufacturing-related firms. Its members own more than 90% of Oregon's private large-owner forestland base. After a six-year run in Stoel Rives' natural resources group, Heath was hired by OFIC last October. His job is to advise OFIC's members on legal issues affecting their businesses, and to advocate for their interests before the Oregon legislature.

Brent Hall, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Speaker)

Brent H. Hall is an attorney in the Office of Legal Counsel of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. His practice focuses primarily on treaty fishing and hunting, environmental, natural resources and law enforcement matters. He represents the Confederated Tribes in federal, state and tribal courts in cases involving the exercise of Treaty reserved rights or protection of Treaty reserved resources, including First Foods.

Kathy Hessler, Lewis and Clark Law School (Speaker)

Kathy Hessler is a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School. She is the first and only faculty member hired to teach animal law full time in a law school. She graduated with a J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and received her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. Professor Hessler has been teaching Animal Law courses since 2001, and animal law concepts as a part of nonviolence class offerings beginning in 1989. At Lewis & Clark, Professor Hessler is the faculty advisor to SALDF and Outlaw, coaches the animal law moot court teams, and has been an advisor to the *Animal Law Journal* since 1998. Professor Hessler lectures widely on animal law and animal law education issues in the U.S. and internationally. She also writes and lectures on alternative dispute resolution, First Amendment issues, and clinical legal education.

Kirk B. Maag, Stoel Rives LLP (Moderator)

Kirk Maag practices environmental and natural resources law at Stoel Rives LLP. He focuses his practice on water rights, regulations affecting the timber and agricultural industries, real property transactions in those industries, and regulations affecting the storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials. Kirk's interest in water law developed while he was growing up and working on his family's irrigated farm in eastern Oregon. Before joining Stoel Rives, Kirk was a law clerk to Judge Carlos T. Bea on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Laura Maffei, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt (Chair of ENR Section and Moderator)

Laura Maffei focuses her practice on environmental and natural resource law. With extensive experience in Clean Water Act permitting in both Oregon and Washington, she assists her clients with negotiating permit conditions and complying with permits. Ms. Maffei has litigated a number of Clean Water Act cases in both state and federal court. Her cases range from defending against citizen suits to defending the validity of clients' permits in state court, as well as challenge to state-wide Clean Water Act regulations. Ms. Maffei is one of a small number of Oregon lawyers who are Registered Professional Geologists with the State of Oregon.

John Marsh, Marsh Consulting LLC (CLE Chair)

John Marsh is President of Marsh Consulting LLC. He is an environmental attorney and fisheries ecologist who specializes in addressing complex natural resources issues. Over the last 30 years John has worked at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (Fish Biologist), Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Manager of Production and Habitat) and a regional environmental and engineering consulting firm (Trustee and Director of the Endangered Species Program). He serves on the Board of the Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and the Executive Committee of the OSB Environmental and Natural Resources Section (member – 2008 to present; Secretary – 2011; Treasurer – 2012; Chair-Elect - 2013). This is his fourth year serving as the Chair of the ENR Section CLE.

Rachel Martin, Pearl Legal Group (Speaker)

Rachel specializes in environmental litigation, with an emphasis in Superfund (CERCLA) and related hazardous waste issues. From 2006 to 2009 Rachel worked in Washington D.C. as a litigation associate for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In 2009, Rachel left D.C. and moved back to the Pacific Northwest. In October of that year, she began working for Pearl Legal Group, where she is honing her knowledge of the laws and regulations relating to Superfund, both at the federal and state levels. She also advises commercial clients on complex environmental compliance and litigation matters.

Palmer Mason, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (Speaker)

Palmer has worked at DEQ since 2007 and currently serves as the agency's Government Relations Manager. Prior to joining DEQ, he represented various non-profit and public entities on environmental and local government issues, primarily before the Florida Legislature.

Palmer received a degree in Political Science from Florida State University and a J.D. from the University of Florida.

Kristen Monsell, The Humane Society of the United States (Speaker)

Kristen Monsell is a staff attorney at The Humane Society of the United States. Her practice area focuses on using federal environmental laws, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act, to protect marine mammals and the habitats on which they depend. Before joining HSUS, Kristen worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Natural Resources Section of the Oregon Department of Justice where she advised state agencies on various natural resource issues, including land use and wildlife laws. She is a 2009 graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School.

J. Mark Morford, Stoel Rives LLP (Speaker)

Mark has more than 30 years of environmental experience and is one of the most respected environmental attorneys in Oregon. His in-depth experience includes a full range of environmental issues that face industrial, energy, forest products, mining and agricultural facilities, including water quality, air quality, waste management, radioactive materials management, endangered species issues and cleanups. His experience emphasizes industrial operations, with deep experience in primary and secondary metals, pulp and paper and other forest products facilities. He is comfortable with engineering and scientific detail and typically serves in a role where he helps integrate technical, business, public relations and legal issues into an overall strategy for solving complex problems. He frequently works as the interface between industrial clients and community and environmental activists, and counsels clients in resolving conflict without litigation. He has recently negotiated good neighbor agreements for two industrial clients to address tensions between industrial facilities and their community.

Karen Moynahan, City of Portland (Moderator)

Karen Moynahan is a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Portland, representing the City's interests in the Portland Harbor. Karen spent 15 years at the Trial Division of the Oregon Department of Justice, where she litigated a wide range of environmental enforcement and defense matters, including the landmark "parcel-as-a-whole" takings case *Coast Range Conifers v the Oregon Department of Forestry*. Prior to moving to Oregon, Karen litigated environmental enforcement cases at the New Jersey Attorney General's Office for nearly 10 years. She is active in the environmental bar and has taught water law as an adjunct at the University of Oregon.

Aurora Paulsen, Center for Food Safety (Moderator)

Aurora Paulsen is a legal fellow at the Center for Food Safety, where she promotes sustainability, animal welfare, and food safety by using litigation to address issues with, among other things, aquaculture, factory farming, and genetic engineering. Before joining CFS, Aurora clerked for the honorable Erika L. Hadlock at the Oregon Court of Appeals. She is a 2012 graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School.

Patrick Rowe, Sussman Shank, LLP (Speaker)

Patrick represents businesses and individuals in litigation and transactions involving environmental, toxic tort, and real property issues. He has extensive experience representing clients in state and federal courts in the Northwest and Southwest and before administrative agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. He has particular expertise in matters involving brownfields/contaminated properties and water quality issues.

Dustin Till, Marten Law PLLC (Speaker)

Dustin advises private and public clients on environmental and energy issues. As part of his environmental practice, Dustin has represented clients in a broad range of litigation, administrative, and transactional proceedings, including successfully defending challenges to transmission and renewable energy generation projects under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and similar state laws. In addition to his litigation practice, Dustin has advised clients on environmental liabilities associated with property transactions and has managed environmental due diligence for mergers involving multiple industrial facilities.