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EDUCATION

MAY 2022

JSD (DOCTORATE), UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

- Completed research doctorate in international law specializing in international water resources law under the supervision of Carol Olson Endowed Professor of International Law Stephen C. McCaffrey, former special Rapporteur to the International Law Commission on the subject of "The Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses" (1985-1991)
- Thesis: *A 'Stepped Approach' to the Resolution of Disputes on International Watercourses*
Sacramento, USA

DECEMBER 2016

LLM, UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

- Studied law of Transboundary Watercourses under Dr. Stephen McCaffrey
- Thesis: *The AIIB, Normative Power and the Law of International Watercourses* (safeguard policies of the AIIB covering the banks global infrastructure projects on transboundary watercourses including RBEC countries)
Sacramento, California

MAY 2012

JD, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Canada

MAY 2007

BA WITH DISTINCTION, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Calgary, Canada

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MARCH 2017 – CURRENT

INDEPENDENT LEGAL CONSULTANT, LAWYER / CONSULTANT

- Consulting and Legal Services regarding International Law, Transboundary/International Environmental and Watercourse Law
- Providing Services in: International Law; Transboundary Freshwater Governance; International Conflict Resolution; Negotiation; Advocacy, Litigation and Legal Analysis; Stakeholder Engagement; and Capacity Building and Training

AUGUST 2018 – DECEMBER 2022

LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE, DISPUTE OVER THE STATUS AND USE OF THE WATERS OF THE SILALA (CHILE V. BOLIVIA), INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, THE HAGUE

SEPTEMBER 2022 – NOVEMBER 2022

CONSULTANT, UNESCO, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION UNIT (DRR)

- Developed a series of national policy briefs and a global policy brief on Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation.

Paris, France

AUGUST 2018 – DECEMBER 2021

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

- Designed and taught classes for graduate and international students in both the in-person and on-line programs. Courses developed and taught ranged from legal research and writing to international water resources law

Sacramento, USA

SEPTEMBER 2017 – MARCH 2018

VOLUNTEER CONTRACT, UNESCO

International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Water Sciences Division, Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlements SC / HYD / GSS

- Contributed to the implementation of regular programme and extrabudgetary project activities with a focus on capacity building modules related to transboundary aquifers and international water law including:
 - Worked on SDG indicator 6.5.2 part of global 2030 sustainable development agenda; and
 - Co-developed training materials for Water Diplomacy training for SDC GGRETA Ocotepque-Citalá case study (El Salvador-Honduras) for local authorities & stakeholders

Paris, France

JULY 2015 – AUGUST 2017

LEGAL CONSULTANT, GLOBAL TRANSBOUNDARY INTERNATIONAL WATERS GOVERNANCE

- Dealt with individual clients, stakeholder groups and academics. Provided practical and rigorous client centered legal consulting and project management services. Regularly published in peer reviewed academic journals and monographs.
- Consulting work included work for the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments’ Committee. Report prepared: *The Columbia River Treaty and Local Interests: A Shared Responsibility*. Pertaining to local stakeholder engagement in transboundary watercourse treaties regarding both development and implementation of agreements.

Vancouver, Canada

DECEMBER 2014 – MAY 2015

CROWN COUNSEL, TRIAL CROWN, ALBERTA MINISTRY OF JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL, CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

- Had conduct of a diverse case load including criminal, regulatory and environmental prosecutions. Utilized oral and written advocacy skills, legal research and writing, file and witness management, as well as negotiation skills.

Medicine Hat, Canada

AUGUST 2013 – AUGUST 2014

CROWN COUNSEL, BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

- Had conduct of a diverse case load including criminal prosecutions, as well as regulatory and environmental prosecutions. Conducted trials at all levels of trial court in British Columbia acquiring extensive trial experience. Attended various circuit court locations. Participated in all aspects of the Crown office including charge approval, arraignments, bail and custody hearings, trials, sentencing hearings, and pretrial matters. Utilized oral and written advocacy skills, legal research and writing, file and witness management, as well as negotiation skills.

Smithers, Canada

AUGUST 2012 – AUGUST 2013

ARTICLED STUDENT AT LAW, BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

- Had conduct of a diverse case load before all levels of trial court in the Province of British Columbia. Participated in Jury trials as well as trials with multiple accused. Case load included criminal prosecutions as well as regulatory and environmental prosecutions. Dealt with all aspects of a Crown office from charge approval, bail and custody hearings, arraignments, to trials, sentencing hearings, and pretrial matters. Gained experience in trial advocacy, witness and file management, as well as legal research and writing.

Prince George, Canada

JANUARY 2012 – APRIL 2012

RESEARCHER, GLOBAL TRANSBOUNDARY INTERNATIONAL WATERS INITIATIVE

- Worked on a variety of topics related to international watercourse law. Including in depth work on resiliency in international watercourse law, and run of the river hydro-power projects. Conducted substantive research, produced legal memorandums and briefs, updated case studies, and prepared legal articles for publication.

Vancouver, Canada

JANUARY 2011 – APRIL 2011

UBC ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINICIAN, WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW,

- Worked under the supervision of staff lawyers at West Coast Environmental Law. The work focused on domestic environmental law and legal reform. West Coast Environmental law worked with communities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and all levels of government, including First Nations governments, to develop proactive legal solutions to protect and sustain the environment.

Vancouver, Canada

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2021

MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (ILA-CANADA)

2020

MEMBER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW FOUNDATION

JUNE 2020

MEMBER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ASIL)

JUNE 2017

MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WATER LAW (AIDA)

NOVEMBER 2014

MEMBER, LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA (NON-PRACTISING)

AUGUST 2013

MEMBER, LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PUBLICATIONS

Edward Elgar Publishing, Co-Editor, January 2019. S. McCaffrey, C. Leb & R. Denoon eds, **Research Handbook on International Water Law** (Edward Elgar Pub, 2019). Covering global & regional perspectives of international watercourse law.

Brill Research Perspectives in International Water Law: Editor in Chief Salman M.A. Salman, September 2017. Richard Kyle Paisley, Riley T. Denoon, Theressa Etmanski and Patrick Weiler, **Transboundary Waters, Infrastructure Development and Public Private Partnership: A Case Study of Nam Theun 2 and Xayaburi Hydropower Projects** (Brill Research Perspectives in International Water Law, 2017).

Taylor & Francis, Water International, Power in Water Diplomacy. Riley T.P. Denoon, Richard K. Paisley & Marguerite de Chaisemartin, **“Engaging non-state actors in the negotiation and implementation of international watercourse agreements: Experiences and lessons learned from Canada”** (2020) 45:4 Water International 311.

Routledge, River Basin Organizations in Water Diplomacy, 2020. Marguerite de Chaisemartin, Riley T. Denoon and Richard Kyle Paisley, **“International River Basin Organizations and benefit-sharing arrangements in the Columbia and Senegal International River Basins: Past, Present, and Future”** in Anoulak Kittikhoun & Susanne Schmeier eds, *River Basin Organizations in Water Diplomacy* (Routledge, 2020) 108.

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2018. ‘Cody’ Riley Denoon, **“Water is for Cooperation: An Introduction to International Watercourses, a Legal Perspective on Canada and the US”** (Paper delivered the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Workshop, Water is for Fighting (and Creative Compromises): International and Interstate Water Issues in North America, 8 May 2018), (2018) 2018 Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation: Mineral Law Series 1-i.

West Coast Environmental Law, Environmental Law Alert Blog, 2011. Andrew Gage & Riley Denoon, **“Bargain basement prices on BC public lands?”** The West Coast Environmental Law

Environmental Law Alert Blog (25 June 2011), online: West Coast Environmental Law
<<https://www.wcel.org/blog/bargain-basement-prices-bc-public-lands>>.

CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND LECTURES

GUEST LECTURER, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, International Water Resources Law, 29 March 2022

PRESENTER, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Workshop *Water is for Fighting (and Creative Compromises): International and Interstate Water Issues in North America*, 8 May 2018

- Presented as part of workshop hosted by the Rocky Mineral Law Foundation, on the law of international watercourses focusing on some of the most important legal instruments and institutions existing between Canada and the U.S. regarding shared international freshwater resources, such as the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, the International Joint Commission, and the Columbia River Treaty.

CO-DEVELOPER, SDC GGRETA Ocoatepeque-Citalá case study (El Salvador-Honduras), 2017

- Co-developed training materials for Water Diplomacy training for SDC GGRETA Ocoatepeque-Citalá case study (El Salvador-Honduras) for local authorities and stakeholders

ORGANIZER, *Third Annual Symposium on Transboundary River Governance in the Face of Uncertainty: The Columbia River Treaty, 2014* in Kimberly, BC, hosted by the Universities Consortium on Columbia Basin Governance, September 2011 – October 2011

- This conference provided a unique opportunity to explore alternative interests and scenarios regarding the future governance in the Columbia River basin on both sides of the border, from the perspective of diverse stakeholders and experts