



NINTH ANNUAL VLGS ENERGY LAW AND POLICY SYMPOSIUM
CLIMATE ACTION AND THE MIDTERMS:
THE NEED FOR CONTINUED STATE, CORPORATE, AND
FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TO MEET OUR CLIMATE GOALS

Thursday, November 3
1 to 5:45 p.m. EDT

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The clean energy transition achieved a significant win with Congress' passage and President Joe Biden's signature on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). In a time of great economic and political uncertainty, the IRA strengthened the clean energy industry with necessary financial and tax certainty, an infusion of capital investment, and new policy options for not for profits, climate justice advocates, and in general, a more just energy transition. Whether it is established clean energy technologies, such as wind and solar, emerging technologies like storage, or the technologies necessary for transforming our transportation systems, the passage of the IRA will undoubtedly expedite the transition.

While this was an unexpected win for those favoring climate action, there is strong agreement that much more must be done. With the midterm elections fast approaching, no matter the outcome, we will need innovative leadership from the states, the business community, and the federal government, in order to meet our climate goals. Our three experienced panels will explore opportunities for state, corporate, and federal action and policy leadership. Following the panels, our keynote speaker will share her thoughts on what is at stake for the planet and why it is important for us to come together to achieve our climate goals.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

1 P.M. | WELCOMING REMARKS

BRIAN POTTS JD'04, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP; Member, Vermont Law and Graduate School Alumni in Energy
RODNEY SMOLLA, President, Vermont Law and Graduate School

1:15 P.M. | PANEL ONE

HOW CAN STATES WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE GREATER SYNERGY WITH THEIR CLIMATE ACTIONS?

MODERATOR

JENNIFER MURPHY JD'07, Senior Director of Energy Policy and Senior Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

PANELISTS

DAVID LAPP, People's Counsel, State of Maryland

AUTUMN PROUDLOVE MERL'13, Associate Director of Policy and Markets, NC Clean Energy Technology Center, NC State University

ERIC WILKINSON JD/MSEL'96, Government Affairs Lead for Electricity Markets, Ørsted North America

2:30 P.M. | PANEL TWO

WHAT INNOVATIONS ARE CORPORATE LEADERS BRINGING TO THE TABLE?

MODERATOR

CRISTINA BANAHAN JD'15, Head of Sustainability and Citizenship, TransUnion

PANELISTS

EVAN BELSER JD'10, Policy Strategist and Managing Counsel, Ford

KENDRA BROWN JD'12, Vice President of Public Policy, Mastercard

JESSE SEVCIK, Global Government Affairs, Elanco Animal Health

3:45 P.M. | NETWORKING BREAK

4 P.M. | PANEL THREE

CONGRESS PASSED AND PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE IRA — NOW WHAT?

MODERATOR

JESSICA OLSON JD'07, Vice President of Policy, CALSTART

PANELISTS

ROB GRAMLICH, Founder and President, Grid Strategies LLC

MATTHEW MARKS JD'12, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Air and Radiation Law Office, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

JACK WADLEIGH JD'18/MERL'19, Senior Associate of Market and Policy Innovation, Clean Energy Buyers Association

5:15 P.M. | INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BRIAN POTTS JD'04, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP; Member, Vermont Law and Graduate School Alumni in Energy

5:20 P.M. | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TAMARA TOLES O'LAUGHLIN JD/MELP'09, President and Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Grantmakers Association

5:45 P.M. | CLOSING REMARKS

BRIAN POTTS JD'04, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP; Member, Vermont Law and Graduate School Alumni in Energy

5:50 P.M. | IN-PERSON NETWORKING RECEPTION

The networking portion will also be held at Bracewell LLP, located at 2001 M Street NW in Washington, D.C.

WELCOMING REMARKS



BRIAN POTTS JD'04
PARTNER, PERKINS COIE
LLP; MEMBER, VERMONT
LAW AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
ALUMNI IN ENERGY

Business attorney, litigator, entrepreneur, and writer **Brian Potts JD'04** has advised a range of Fortune 100, 500, and smaller clients. Brian and his team have appeared in more than 50 administrative proceedings and dozens of federal and state court cases.

Brian is currently representing clients in three federal lawsuits—each of which involves claims or assets worth more than \$100M. He has also been involved in billions of dollars' worth of business transactions and has helped his clients obtain regulatory approvals to build more than \$4 billion dollars' worth of utility infrastructure in various states, including conventional power plants, transmission lines, wind farms, and solar facilities.

In 2002, as a second-year law student, Brian applied to work at every one of the Top 100 law firms in the country. He received form rejection letters from all of them. Less than a decade later, Brian was among the youngest to make equity partner at one of those firms. And today, he's an equity partner at Perkins Coie—where his form rejection letter from the firm in 2002 hangs on his office wall.

In his free time, Brian likes to help startup companies get off the ground. A successful entrepreneur, himself, Brian invented the first and only computer keyboard designed by lawyers for lawyers (called the LegalBoard®) in 2016. And in 2017, Brian helped found his second startup, Goods Unite Us®, which is a nonpartisan, for-profit app and website focused on helping consumers align their purchases and investments with their political beliefs. On Election Day 2020, with Brian's guidance, a Goods Unite Us subsidiary partnered with an investment advisory firm to launch the first political exchange-traded fund ever listed on NASDAQ.

Since 2013, Brian has been ranked by *Chambers USA* and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*. *Best Lawyers* also named him “Lawyer of the Year” in the Energy Regulatory Law category in 2018 and 2020, and the firm named him co-chair of its 100-plus lawyer Energy Industry Group in 2020.

Brian credits much of his success to his never-ending focus on writing and public speaking. Since law school, Brian has published more than 100 articles and opinion pieces. Besides *Forbes.com* (where he is a contributor), his articles and opinion pieces have also been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Politico*, *Bloomberg*, the *Wisconsin State Journal*, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the *Weekly Standard*, and in law journals published by Yale, Harvard, NYU, and UC Berkeley. Brian is also a regular guest lecturer at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and he teaches a course on renewable energy project development and finance at Vermont Law and Graduate School.

In his active pro bono practice, Brian serves as outside counsel to the Clean Lakes Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to the improvement and protection of Southern Wisconsin's lakes, streams, and wetlands; he is also the lead counsel for the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, a small nonprofit aimed at preserving and restoring thousands of acres of prairie in South Central Wisconsin.

WELCOMING REMARKS



RODNEY SMOLLA
PRESIDENT, VERMONT LAW
AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

Officially beginning his term as president of Vermont Law and Graduate School on July 1, 2022, **Rodney Smolla** joined VLGS from Widener University Delaware Law School, where he served as dean and professor of law since 2015.

Previously president of Furman University, and dean at Washington and Lee University and University of Richmond law schools, President Smolla has long been a strong advocate for experiential learning, the development of professional competencies, and civic engagement.

President Smolla brings to VLGS extensive experience in higher education leadership, with a special focus on strategic and operational planning, enrollment management, and fundraising. After inheriting a nearly \$6 million annual operating deficit at Delaware Law School, he left the institution with \$5 million in budget surpluses, achieved in large part due to dramatic increases in JD enrollment as well as creative revenue generation in non-JD programming.

He has been a faculty member at the William & Mary, DePaul, University of Illinois, and University of Arkansas law schools, and a visiting professor at law schools at Duke, University of Georgia, University of Indiana, Denver University, and University of Melbourne. Additionally, he has served as the director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the College of William & Mary, and senior fellow and project director of the Washington Annenberg Program of Northwestern University.

President Smolla has been and remains an active litigator. He is particularly well-known for his representation of American and international clients on matters relating to defamation and invasion of privacy. He is admitted to the Illinois, Virginia, and Delaware bars, and he has participated as counsel or co-counsel in many litigation matters, in state and federal courts throughout the nation. He is a frequent advocate on a wide variety of legal issues, and has presented oral argument in state and federal courts across the country, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

The author of more than 100 articles published in law reviews and other publications, he is a nationally known scholar on matters relating to constitutional law, civil rights, freedom of speech, and mass media, particularly matters relating to libel and privacy.

A first-generation college student, President Smolla received his juris doctor from the Duke University School of Law and his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Yale University.

PANEL ONE: HOW CAN STATES WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE GREATER SYNERGY WITH THEIR CLIMATE ACTIONS?

MODERATOR



JENNIFER MURPHY JD'07
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ENERGY
POLICY AND SENIOR
COUNSEL, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
REGULATORY UTILITY
COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Murphy JD'07 is the senior director of energy policy and senior counsel for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She oversees NARUC's energy policy development and handles NARUC's energy-related legal and policy work before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other federal agencies, and the federal courts. As such, Jennifer serves as the lead NARUC staff on the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission established by FERC. She is a member of the association's senior management team and served as counsel for the National Regulatory Research Institute, which was NARUC's research arm. Jennifer also recently served as a member of the Energy Bar Association's Board of Directors.

Jennifer's previous energy and environmental policy experience includes working in federal and state government and across the three branches of government: the U.S. House of Representatives; the U.S. Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the Connecticut Appellate Court; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Her non-governmental experience includes working for an environmental think tank in Washington, D.C., and overseas for a U.S. Agency of International Development-funded environmental project.

Jennifer holds a juris doctor from Vermont Law School, master's degrees in international studies and in marine affairs from the University of Washington, and a bachelor's degree from Tufts University.

PANELISTS



DAVID LAPP
PEOPLE'S COUNSEL,
STATE OF MARYLAND

David Lapp was appointed People's Counsel in 2021 by Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh. David has 30 years of combined experience as a lawyer, policy analyst, and writer focusing on public policy and corporate accountability in important segments of the economy. His positions have required mastery of complicated legal issues and competing public policy goals. For the past 23 years as an attorney, his work has emphasized state and federal regulatory policy in the utility, tobacco, and healthcare industries.

Until his appointment as Acting People's Counsel starting January 1, 2021, David worked from 2004-2020 as an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland (OAG). In his most recent position at OAG, David served as deputy counsel for the Maryland Department of Health, addressing healthcare industry regulation and providing advice and

representation to the State Medicaid Program. Before that, as chief counsel of the OAG's Tobacco Enforcement Unit, he was a leader in state and national efforts to enforce the national tobacco Master Settlement Agreement against the major cigarette manufacturers.

For more than 10 years prior to his work at OAG, David advocated on behalf of consumer and environmental interests in the field of utility regulation, first as a writer and policy analyst, and then as an attorney, primarily representing and advising state regulatory commissions and environmental and consumer advocates.

David graduated in 1998 from the University of Maryland School of Law, Order of Coif. He served as articles editor of the *Maryland Law Review* and received several academic awards. Following law school, he served as a law clerk on the Maryland Court of Appeals for Judge Howard Chasanow. He received his bachelor of arts with honors in 1989 from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.



**AUTUMN PROUDLOVE
MERL'13**
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OF POLICY AND MARKETS,
NC CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY
CENTER, NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Autumn Proudlove MERL'13 is the associate director of policy and markets at the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center. Autumn leads the Center's Energy Policy team and provides strategic direction on policy and market issues across the Center. Autumn oversees the policy team's portfolio of activities, which includes the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) and the 50 States of Solar, 50 States of Grid Modernization, and 50 States of Electric Vehicles quarterly policy tracking reports. Autumn is currently a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine committee on the role of netmetering in the evolving electricity system, and previously served as principal investigator for the Center's work on the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership. Autumn received her Master's degree in Energy Regulation and Law, summa cum laude, from Vermont Law School, and her bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College.



**ERIC WILKINSON
JD/MSEL'96**
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS LEAD
FOR ELECTRICITY MARKETS,
ØRSTED NORTH AMERICA

Eric Wilkinson JD/MSEL'96 joined Ørsted's Government Affairs team in February 2020, and he currently serves as the company's electricity market policy director. Prior to joining Ørsted, Eric served as the general counsel and director of energy policy at the Environmental League of Massachusetts. Eric also has a background with ISO New England, the entity responsible for managing the wholesale energy grid, where he was a senior external affairs representative. Prior to moving to New England, Eric was both a state and federal regulator at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he also served on the President's Council on Sustainable Development. Eric holds a juris doctor and a master's in the study of environmental law, cum laude, from Vermont Law School.

PANEL TWO: WHAT INNOVATIONS ARE CORPORATE LEADERS BRINGING TO THE TABLE?

MODERATOR



CRISTINA BANAHAN JD'15
HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY
AND CITIZENSHIP, TRANSUNION

Cristina Banahan JD'15 is currently the head of sustainability and citizenship at TransUnion. She has a background in environmental law and government, which serves her in understanding the quickly evolving regulatory landscape. Furthermore, Cris' exposure to non-governmental organizations and non-profit organizations helps her achieve social impact results in her programs. Cris' work is cited by national newspapers (e.g., *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*) and has been published in prominent academic outlets (e.g., *Harvard Law Forum*, *Vermont Law Review*).

PANELISTS



EVAN BELSER JD'10
POLICY STRATEGIST AND
MANAGING COUNSEL, FORD

Evan Belser JD'10 specializes in legal and policy matters concerning air pollution control, climate change, environmental enforcement and remedies, and the decarbonization of transportation and energy.

In 2022, Evan joined Ford Motor Company. He is a policy strategist and managing counsel in Ford's Office of General Counsel. In this role, he leads legal and policy matters concerning emissions and fuel economy standards for vehicles and engines, zero-emission vehicle goals, energy storage and the potential for vehicle-to-grid, critical minerals supply chain for electric vehicles and battery recycling, and other environmental, social, and governance priorities for Ford.

Before 2022, Evan was a leader in the United States' efforts to enforce air pollution standards for stationary sources, mobile sources, and consumer products. He served in numerous management roles, including acting director, in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Air Enforcement Division. Among a wide range of investigations and enforcement actions, Evan led the agency's enforcement responses to automakers and aftermarket parts companies for illegal "defeat devices," and he brought the nation's first cases to enforce laws that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Before EPA, Evan graduated with honors from Vermont Law School. Before and during law school, Evan served as an organizer, litigator, and spokesman for numerous environmental advocacy organizations. He handled matters concerning water protection, waste management, energy infrastructure, contaminated sites, and renewable fuels.

Evan lives with his wife and three children in Washington, D.C.



KENDRA BROWN JD'12
VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC
POLICY, MASTERCARD

Kendra Brown JD'12 currently holds the role of vice president of public policy, U.S. Federal Affairs, for Mastercard. She is also the chair of the Maryland State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Previously, she was the chief of staff for Representative G. K. Butterfield (NC- 01) in the United States Congress and senior director for diversity, inclusion, and affinity for the Washington College of Law at American University, where she led the law school's diversity and inclusion initiatives. Her first role in policy was serving as an intern in the District Office of Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott while attending Hampton University.

She is a former national chair of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA). During her term as national chair, NBLSA was active in election protection, leadership training and development, academic planning, career development, and extensive advocacy efforts.

Kendra completed her undergraduate studies at Hampton University, her Master of Divinity at Howard University Divinity School, and received her juris doctor from Vermont Law School. Additionally, Kendra attended the George Washington University School of Law for her Master of Laws. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Ministry in Soulcare at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Kendra is committed to community engagement and empowerment and serves as the president of the Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Baltimore County, Maryland, and is a member of the Baltimore Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She is a member of the leadership committee of Street Law, Inc., a global, nonpartisan nonprofit organization that develops classroom and community programs to educate youth about law and government, is a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington, D.C., Regional Board, and is on the board of Maryland Humanities.



JESSE SEVCIK
GLOBAL GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS, ELANCO
ANIMAL HEALTH

Jesse Sevcik is responsible for global public policy and government affairs for Elanco Animal Health. Elanco develops, manufactures, and markets animal health and veterinary products in more than 90 countries. He has testified or presented before governments on trade, antimicrobial resistance, sustainability, food safety, biosecurity, life-sciences innovation, and access to veterinary medicines.

Prior to Elanco, Jesse worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, for non-profit organizations, farmer cooperatives, and other food and agriculture concerns. He serves on the boards of the International Feed Industry Federation, the Food and Agriculture Export Alliance, and is past chair and current member of the HealthforAnimals' leadership team. Jesse is a graduate of St. Norbert College in political science/public policy and has pursued post-graduate work at INSEAD and Johns Hopkins University.

PANEL THREE: CONGRESS PASSED AND PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE IRA — NOW WHAT?

MODERATOR



JESSICA OLSON JD'07
VICE PRESIDENT OF
POLICY, CALSTART

Jessica Olson JD'07 is the vice president of policy at CALSTART, where she leads advocacy efforts to shape U.S. state and federal clean transportation policy in addition to global efforts supporting the transition to zero-emission transportation. She serves as an officer of CALSTART's executive team and oversees CALSTART's Policy Action Groups and Electric Vehicle Battery Leadership Initiative.

She most recently served as director of environmental policy for Honeywell International Inc. In that role, Jessica led successful efforts to drive new mandates and incentives to grow the market for innovative clean technologies across the U.S. and globally. Prior to joining Honeywell, she was a partner at the Ayres Law Group in Washington, D.C., where her practice included appellate litigation, congressional advocacy, and regulatory advising in the climate and clean air policy space.

Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in science, technology, and society, with a focus in environmental studies from Vassar College, and a juris doctor from Vermont Law School, where she currently serves on the board of trustees. Jessica has previously co-chaired the Air Quality Committee of the D.C. Bar Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Community, and was a 2017 finalist for the MIT C3E Women in Clean Energy Award in the Law and Finance category. She is from Arlington, Virginia, where she has served as an appointed member of the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission.

PANELISTS



ROB GRAMLICH
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,
GRID STRATEGIES LLC

Rob Gramlich is the founder and president of Grid Strategies LLC where he provides economic policy analysis for clients on electric transmission and power markets in pursuit of low-cost decarbonization. He is co-founder of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, the WATT Coalition, and the Future Power Markets Forum.

Rob oversaw transmission and power market policy for the American Wind Energy Association from 2005 through 2016 as senior vice president for government and public affairs, interim CEO, and policy director. He was economic advisor to FERC Chairman Pat Wood III from 2001 to 2005, senior economist at PJM Interconnection in 1999 and 2000, senior associate at PG&E National Energy Group in 2000-2001, and an analyst at the FERC Office of Economic Policy, ICF Resources, the World Resources Institute, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the 1990s. He testifies frequently before the U.S. Congress, U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), U.S. Department of Energy, and state legislatures and regulatory commissions. He has served on advisory committees for the U.S. Department of Energy and the North American Energy Standards Board, as well as on boards of a number of regional clean energy organizations.



MATTHEW MARKS JD'12
DEPUTY ASSOCIATE
GENERAL COUNSEL, AIR
AND RADIATION LAW OFFICE,
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL,
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

Matthew Marks JD'12 is the deputy associate general counsel of the Air and Radiation Law Office (ARLO) within EPA's Office of General Counsel. He supervises an office of 43 attorneys and support staff who provide legal support to EPA's efforts to reduce threats to public health and the environment by cleaning up the nation's air, addressing climate change, and dealing with radiation issues. Before serving in his current role, Matthew was the assistant general counsel for the New Source Performance Standards and Visibility practice group within ARLO, where he advised on such matters as the restoration of air quality in our national parks and wilderness areas, and the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from large industrial sources like electric power plants and oil and natural gas operations. Matthew began his legal career as an attorney-advisor within ARLO. He completed his undergraduate studies at Hamilton College and received his law degree from Vermont Law School.



JACK WADLEIGH
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Jack Wadleigh JD'18/MERL'19 is a senior associate on the Market and Policy Innovations team at the Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA). In this role, he supports CEBA members in achieving their clean energy goals by solving the toughest market and policy barriers, and deploying these solutions for a carbon-free energy system. Before joining CEBA, Jack completed a year-long internship at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory where he researched regulatory barriers and permitting structures for energy infrastructure development. Jack is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia, and he holds a juris doctor and Master of Energy Regulation and Law from Vermont Law School, as well as a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



**TAMARA TOLES
O'LAUGHLIN JD/MELP'09**
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
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Tamara Toles O'Laughlin JD/MELP'09 is an internationally recognized environmental advocate and climate strategist focused on people and planet. Her niche in environmental work is developing high impact programs and multimedia campaigns to dismantle privilege and increase opportunities for vulnerable populations to access healthy air, clean energy, and a toxic free economy at the local, regional, and national level.

Tamara casts a wide net in service to community. Among her activities, she is an advisory board member at Climate Refugees, and senior advisor and former co-chair of the Green Leadership Trust, which builds a more powerful environmental movement by expanding the leadership of Black, Indigenous, and people of color serving on U.S. environmental nonprofit boards. She is a member of the World Economic Forum, National Cities, executive working group. She is a term chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee. Tamara recently concluded a six-year term as the chairwoman of the board of directors of Women's Voices for the Earth, which disrupts industry standards by forcing ingredient disclosure and the elimination of toxic chemicals from personal care products.

In June 2021, Tamara was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Environmental Grantmakers Association. Previously, Tamara served as the North America director at 350.org and 350 Action, where she drove regional strategy in the United States and Canada. As the leader of 350's programming, she led mission critical work and organizational investments to build a multiracial, multi-generational climate movement capable of holding leaders accountable to science and justice. Prior to joining 350.org, Tamara was executive director of the Maryland Environmental Health Network in Baltimore, Maryland, where she championed its mission to promote the elimination of environmental threats to human health.

Tamara is a thought leader working across sectors to support inclusive climate change action. She serves on the advisory board of Climate Power 2020, and is a member of *Politico's* sustainability forum, *The Long Game*, where she provides insight on issues of climate change and social responsibility.

She graduated from Vermont Law School in 2009, with a juris doctor and a Master of Environmental Law and Policy with a concentration in energy generation and carbon constraint.

Tamara has worked for two decades to embed the principles of environmental justice into environmental work, with attention to community capacity building, mobilization, equity in enforcement, and environmental health.

Over the course of her career, she has held full-time, fellowship, and intern positions with distinguished organizations including the District Department of Energy and Environment in Washington D.C.; the Maryland Energy Administration Advisory Council of Historic Preservation; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Center on Race, Poverty and Environment; Natural Resources Defense Council; and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection; among others.

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