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For 50 years, New York City has provided a stimulating backdrop against which Columbia Law School has emerged as a leading center for the study of environmental law. In the earliest days of the environmental movement, armed with a social conscience and an awareness of burgeoning legal issues concerning the environment, Law School Professor Frank Grad—who had spent several years from 1959 and onward helping revise the New York City Health Code—created the school’s first seminar in environmental law and legislation. In 1971, his notes for that course were transformed into Environmental Law: Sources and Problems, the first environmental law book produced at a major law school.

From then on, New York has been at the fulcrum of the development of environmental law. As the headquarters city of the United Nations, the financial and media capital of the country, the center of a region facing great challenges, and the nation’s most dense and most vibrant city, New York has emerged not only as the laboratory for bold experiments in sustainability but also as the venue for much of the sharpest analysis and debate on the topic. Columbia University is deeply immersed in all of this. Its world-renowned Earth Institute is the home of much cutting-edge research in the physical and social sciences. At Columbia Law School, the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law and the Environmental Law Clinic, following in the spirit of Frank Grad, are forging new paths in the study, teaching and practice of environmental law. For a truly global perspective on environmental law, there is no better location.
A Critical Question: If a Country Sinks Beneath the Sea, is it Still a Country?

Rising ocean levels brought about by climate change continue to create unprecedented legal questions for small island nations. Among them: if a country is completely submerged, is it still a country? Does it keep its seat at the United Nations? Who controls its offshore fishing and mineral rights? Does it have any legal recourse against those whose emissions contributed to sea level rise?

The Republic of Marshall Islands—a Micronesian nation of 29 low-lying coral atolls in the Pacific just north of the equator—is struggling to secure its survival and is working to attract international attention to the plight of vulnerable countries. In 2009, the republic enlisted the help of Columbia Law School’s Sabin Center for Climate Change Law.

Until just a few years ago, notes Michael Gerrard, faculty director of the center, it was difficult to have a conversation in the international community about how countries might adapt to climate change. “But now people recognize that the climate situation will get worse before it gets better, and we have to begin making serious preparation,” he says.

Gerrard has traveled to the Marshall Islands multiple times, co-chaired a major conference at Columbia Law with the republic, co-edited a book on its issues, worked with the republic’s delegation in the Paris Agreement negotiations, researched its authority to regulate emissions from ships, and enlisted numerous students in the efforts to assist the country and its people. He took the photograph (above left), of a burial vault, on his first trip in 2010. Revisiting the same spot in 2013, he saw that the sea had risen closer to the vault—evidence, both literal and figurative, of the danger posed to the nation’s heritage.
In 2018, clinic students represented the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Hunterdon Land Trust, which were named defendants in land seizure proceedings by the PennEast Pipeline Company. (PennEast sought to condemn conservation lands, state public recreational lands, and small, independent farms for its pipeline.) Students also brought a Fifth Amendment challenge against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) practice of approving 99% of pipeline project proposals without sufficient economic or environmental analysis. And the clinic joined the State of New Jersey in launching a suit directly challenging FERC’s approval of PennEast’s project. These clinic cases are part of the clinic’s broader clean energy advocacy project.

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Crafting a Specialty in Environmental Law

Columbia Law School students with a keen interest in environmental law have a range of courses to choose from, beginning with two first-year foundation courses, Torts and Property. Torts, which covers injuries to interests in land and public and private nuisance, and Property, which explores fundamental questions of ownership, connect contemporary environmental law and litigation with their early common law sources.

The Law School offers a wide array of upper level electives in environmental and energy law. (See next page.) Second- and third-year students can supplement these courses with Administrative Law, State and Local Government Law, and property and real estate courses that address issues important to this specialty. They can also add to their environmental experience by enrolling in the Environmental Law Clinic and a number of externships.

To deepen their knowledge of a particular area, Law School students can take advantage of graduate courses in Columbia University’s schools of engineering, business, international and public affairs, public health, and architecture and planning, and its science and economics departments. The student-edited Columbia Journal of Environmental Law, the Environmental Law Society, and Environmental Movt Court further enrich the study of the field.

An Environmental Law Advisory Committee advises the Dean and faculty of the Law School on its environmental programs. The Committee consists of distinguished members of the private, public interest, and in-house bars and representatives from the philanthropic community. Columbia’s environmental activities are further enhanced by the David Sive Memorial Fund, established in 2014 in honor of the late David Sive ’48, one of the pioneers of environmental law, by the law firm he co-founded, Sive Paget & Riesel. The fund supports conferences, lectures and other events on environmental law topics at Columbia.
Administrative Law: Administrative agencies play a critical role in determining the duties and entitlements of the public. This course introduces students to the constitutional and statutory frameworks regulating administrative agencies and the authority focused on. We consider both political and legal dynamics separation of powers questions. In addressing these control and review what agencies do, plus some attendant means used by Congress, the President, and the courts to constitutional constraints limiting agency action; and the procedures required by the Administrative Procedure Act; action (e.g., rulemaking and adjudication) and the major federal agencies, we consider the forms of agency agencies in their exercise of this authority. Focusing on the public. This course introduces students to the constitu-

Environmental Law: A survey course introducing the basic principles and approaches that characterize contem-
porary environmental regulation. We review the ecological and economic justifications for government regulation to protect the environment, and examine the strategies and tools for doing so. We focus primarily on the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Superfund law, and the Endangered Species Act.

Climate Change Law and Policy: An overview of the legal tools available to combat global climate change and to adapt to its impact. We evaluate the evolution of the international legal regime for addressing climate change and attempts to develop a U.S. regulatory approach, and look at how energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, coal, and fossil fuels fit into the picture. We discuss the implications for national and international human rights, trade, environmental justice, and equity and examine special challenges posed by China. Proposals for adaptation to climate change and geo-engineering are examined as well.

Energy Regulation: A course devoted to the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry. We examine the regulation of electric companies, the energy industry.

Environmental Law Clinic: Students in the Environ-
mental Law Clinic represent local, regional, and national environmental and community organizations working to solve critical environmental challenges facing the metropolitan region (see page 4). We have worked with community groups concerned about pollution and public health, and with statewide and national organizations and coalitions dealing with land conservation and transportation. Currently we have weekly seminars, student lead discussions, and groups that analyze the cases they are facing in their cases. The clinic emphasizes litigation skills that have applications beyond environmental law, such as drafting pleadings, arguing motions, and negotiating settlements, and excess students to such mechanisms as citizen suits, that can be found in both civil rights and environmental cases. While this is a one-semester clinic, students have the opportunity to continue working with clients in subsequent semesters.

International Environmental Law: A survey of the foundations of international environmental law. We explore a broad range of contemporary international environmental issues including biodiversity loss, the marine environment, ozone depletion, genetic resources and intellectual property issues, and trade. We examine the relationship between international environmental law and general principles of international law; the role of “soft” and “hard” law in addressing international environmental problems; and the contribution of international tribunals to the development of international environmental law.

Advanced Seminar in Climate Change Law: A seminar devoted to an exploration of selected issues at the cutting edge of climate regulation. Topics vary each year depending on new and impending developments. Students prepare a major paper and engage in vigorous dialogues with guest speakers and each other.

Environmental Issues in Business Transactions: This class explores how environmental laws affect a host of business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, lending and secured transactions and risk management, bankruptcy, real estate transactions, virtual reality development, in heavy manufacturing to Internet commerce. Students study how environmental liabilities and risks are identified, evaluated and allocated in corporate transactions and what regulatory, market and political forces are at play.

Seminar in Energy Industry Restructuring: This course requires students to apply concepts from a variety of doctrinal areas to a hypothetical complex transaction involving the merger of two electric utility companies. The course goes through all phases of this transaction, from initial consideration of whether to go forward, to determination of its structure and financing, negotiations between the buyer and the seller, securing board arrival, obtaining regulatory approvals, presenta-
tion of the transaction to the investment community and rating agencies, proxy solicitation and shareholder vote, closing, and structuring the new company. Particular emphasis will be devoted to issues that are distinctive to regulated utilities in the energy industry.

Animal Law: A look at the legal status of non-human animals, including a review of the relationship between humans and animals, how it can vary according to the use to which animals are put and the scientific understanding of the capacities of various animal species. We investigate the classification of animals as “property”—whether it is appropriate or important and how such “property” can be legally valued—and discuss laws impacting people’s relationship with pets, industry’s use of animals, including animals in agriculture; current animal protection laws, both state and federal; as well as recent efforts to reform these laws through legislation and litigation and the overall problems of litigating on behalf of animals.

Land Use Law: A survey and evaluation of the rules restricting the use of land and the various local ordinances, state and constitutional doctrines limiting these restrictions. The objective of the course is to build an understanding of the full range of powers—both constitutional and political—that local and state governments have to regulate use of primarily private property. Among the issues we address are zoning ordinances, subdivision, variances, growth controls, community development, environmental impact review and regulatory takings. Students learn about and critique the delegation of specific land use powers afforded state and local governments and explore how it influences the practice of land use, environmental, and real estate law, including administrative procedure and judicial review.

Environmental Law Moot Court: Sponsored by the Environmental Law Society and falling under the Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison Moot Court Program, the fall semester’s Environmental Law Moot Court offers students the opportunity to hone their skills in appellate brief writing and mastering the art of oral argument. The Moot Court’s environmental legal problems are selected from those posed by the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition held annually at Pace Law School. Issues are drawn from real cases, and argued by three adversarial teams, reflecting the common, multi-party nature of environmental litigation. Teams engage in oral arguments, adjudicated by noted environmental law practitioners as well as Law School faculty.

In the spring semester, the Society sponsors one team to compete in the National Environmental Law Moot Court competition, based on a short writing competition.

Advanced Environmental Law Clinic: Students who have completed the Environmental Law Clinic have the opportunity to engage more deeply in the work of the Clinic and to take on an even more significant role with respect to Clinic cases and projects.

Extractive Industries and Sustainable Development: How can extractive industry investments be leveraged for sustainable and equitable development, particularly in low-income resource-rich countries? What is the interna-
tional, national and regional regulatory framework under which such investments are made? How can the challeng-
es of poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, and governance be addressed in an integrated, multi-stake-
holder framework for extractive industry investments that promotes sustainable development, respects the profitabil-
ity of private-sector investments, and builds the mutual trust needed for long-term investments? This course covers the inter-related challenges of governance, infrastructure, economic diversification, environmental management, and economic development.

Externship Opportunities: The Law school offers several opportunities to gain direct experience with the practice of environmental law, from externships to legal clinics.

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Lloyd has played a prominent role in protecting New Jersey’s environment for more than 30 years. In 2000, he came to Columbia to launch its Environmental Law Clinic, after 15 years as director and founder of the Rutgers University Law School Environmental Law Clinic. After graduating from law school, Lloyd began his career as an environmental advocate with the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, where he spent ten years. He continues to serve as its general counsel. Lloyd has lectured on environmental legal issues at Judicial College for New Jersey judges, on citizen suit litigation at the Practicing Law Institute and ABA, and at numerous environmental courses for the practicing bar at the New Jersey Institute for Legal Education. He is a co-founder and co-director of the Eastern Environmental Law Center, a member of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and the Litigation Review Committee of the Environmental Defense Fund, and has served as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation. Lloyd has testified before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives committees on environmental enforcement.

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Purdy joined the law school in 2019, and teaches and writes on constitutional, environmental and property law as well as legal theory and law’s intersection with social and political thought. Purdy is the author of six books, including After Nature (2015) and a trilogy on American politics that concluded with A Tolerable Anarchy (2009). His legal scholarship has appeared in the Yale Law Journal, Harvard Law Review, University of Chicago Law Review, and many other journals. He is also a frequent contributor to publications such as The Atlantic, n+1, The New Republic, and The New Yorker.

Before joining the Law School faculty in 2019, Purdy taught at Duke Law School for 14 years. He has been a visiting professor at Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, the University of Virginia School of Law, and the George-town University Law Center. He served as a law clerk for Judge Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

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A prolific scholar and accomplished litigator, Burger joined the law school as the first Executive Director of the Sabin Center in 2015. Previously he was Associate Professor at Roger Williams University School of Law, where he taught administrative law, environmental law and law & literature, and directed the law school’s environmental and land use law clinical externship program. Prior to that, he taught in the Lawyering program at NYU School of Law.

Before beginning his career in the legal academy Burger served as an environmental attorney at the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, where he litigated and counseled the City on issues ranging from global warming and energy efficiency to protection of the City’s drinking water to the renovation of Washington Square Park. More recently, he has served as counsel of record for the nation’s largest local government associations and dozens of cities in lawsuits concerning the Clean Power Plan, greenhouse gas emissions standards for automobiles, fossil fuel company liability for climate change, and air pollution at the Port of Los Angeles. He is also a co-editor of Climate Change, Public Health and the Law, and a co-founder of the Environmental Law Collaborative.

I came to Columbia Law School planning to focus on environmental law, and once I arrived I was pleased—even somewhat overwhelmed—with all the opportunities there. I watched debates about environmental issues (and went on hikes) with the Environmental Law Society; edited scholarly articles for the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law; litigated cases with the Environmental Law Clinic; networked with grad students in business, international affairs, and science at the Earth Institute; and conducted research and attended conferences hosted by the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. As an attorney with the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, I know my experience at Columbia Law School not only helped me land this job, but it also helps me keep up with the challenges of environmental litigation I encounter daily.

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Danis, a litigator with significant experience in environmental and energy law, joined the Clinic in 2018. Previously, she served as the Senior Staff Attorney for Eastern Environmental Law Center’s Energy Infrastructure program, where she advocated for sustainable energy choices in the region and fought to prevent the proliferation of gas pipeline infrastructure. Prior to her energy work at EELC, she was of counsel to Bradley M. Campbell, LLC, where she used legal and scientific tools to address toxic contaminants under the Resource Conserva-tion and Recovery Act. Working as an attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, Ms. Danis researched complex litigation strategies to address legacy pollution of regional waterways, and successfully advocated for the preservation of 600 wetlands acres in the Hackensack Meadowlands. Ms. Danis began her law career as a litigator at Kirkland & Ellis in New York. In addition to her role at the Clinic, she also serves on the Conservation and Research Committee of the New Jersey Audubon Society.

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Mariann Sullivan

Lecturer-in-Law: Animal Law
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Sullivan, an adjunct professor of animal law at Brooklyn Law School and Cardozo Law School, recently retired as Deputy Chief Court Attorney at the New York State Appellate Division, First Department. She has served as chair of the Committee on Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals of the New York City Bar Association and the Animal Law Committee of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial Insurance Practice Section. A frequent speaker at conferences and animal law related events throughout the country, as well as Animal Rights Africa’s Animal Law Review Consultation Workshop in Johannesburg, she is currently the president of the Board of Directors of Our Hen House, as well as that organization’s Program Director, and serves on the Board of Directors of Animal Welfare Trust and Animal Welfare Advocacy. She is a former member of the boards of Farm Sanctuary and The Animals Agenda, and a prolific writer on issues in her field.

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Each year, the group hosts some of the world’s top environmental practitioners from government, public interest groups, and private law firms at a variety of events, ranging from informal luncheons and panel discussions to Earth Day Celebrations and movie screenings. Environmentally conscious pro-bono projects are also available through the Environmental Law Society, including their annual caravan trip to the New York City community, through their annual caravan trip.

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Established in 1995, its experts collaborate with corporations, government agencies, non-profits, individuals, national governments and the United Nations to help educate the next generation of leaders in this important area.

The Law School’s Sabin Center for Climate Change Law is an Institute affiliate. Its Faculty Director, Michael Gerrard, and Edward Lloyd, Director of its Environmental Law Clinic, are members of the Institute’s multi-disciplinary faculty, with Gerrard formerly serving as Chair of this faculty and Lloyd as Chair of the faculty Practice Committee. Law School students have the opportunity to take courses with faculty in other schools in the university.

More than 30 research centers are under the Institute’s umbrella, including the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions; the Center for Climate Systems Research; the Columbia Water Center; the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; the International Research Institute for Climate and Society; the National Center for Disaster Preparedness; and the Millennium Villages Project.

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OUR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES: CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Environmental Law program at Columbia Law School prepares students for careers in a wide variety of organizations. Our presence in New York City enables us to place students in internships with not-for-profit advocacy organizations, federal, state and local government agencies, United Nations consoles, and private law firms, ranging in size from small environmental boutiques to large national and international firms. These placements often lead to full-time jobs, either immediately after law school, or after judicial clerkships. And many of our students go on to similar jobs in other cities.

Here’s a snapshot of where just a few of our graduates are today

**Government**
Susan Amron ’84, General Counsel, New York City Department of City Planning
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Steven N. Brautigam ’94, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Affairs, New York City Department of Sanitation
Steve Bullock ’94, Governor, Montana
Samantha Klein Frank ‘90, Emily M. Moser ‘08, Vivian H.W. Wang ’08, Travis Annanoy ’10, and Ben Brautigam ’11, Attorneys with the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Catherine McCabe, ’77, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Channing Wistar-Jones, ’17, Assistant Attorney General, Office of NYS Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau
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David G. Hawkins ’70, Director of Climate Programs, and Daniel Raichel ’11, and Claire Woods ’11, Attorneys, Natural Resources Defense Council
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