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Summary

I served as Executive Director of the Environmental & Energy Law Program (EELP) at Harvard Law School, where from November 2017 to January 2021, together with the outstanding faculty founder of the program, Professor Jody Freeman, I lead a high-powered and dedicated group of attorneys and students providing rigorous legal analysis of policy developments and their impacts.

Prior to my tenure as Democratic Chief Counsel to the US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) in 2017, I served for more than 7 years as Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate/Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at the US Environmental Protection Agency. There I worked on the Clean Power Plan, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, the Cross State Air Pollution Rule, the Oil and Gas New Source Performance Standards, and related air quality and climate change rules. During an earlier stint at EPW, I authored Title IV of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, pioneering the use of cap and trade in the program that tackled acid rain. My career also includes senior legal, policy, and management positions at the Environmental Defense Fund, where, among other activities, I co-founded the Environmental Resources Trust, later absorbed by Winrock.

Experience

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation,
US EPA

January 2021 - Present (2 years 10 months)

Harvard Law School Environmental Law Program

Executive Director

October 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 4 months)

Cambridge, MA

Environment and Public Works, US Senate
Democratic Chief Counsel
January 2017 - September 2017 (9 months)

Office of Air and Radiation, US Environmental Protection Agency
Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate/Senior Counsel
October 2009 - January 2017 (7 years 4 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Provided policy and legal counsel to the Assistant Administrator, and coordinated activities with senior OAR, Office of General Counsel and agency management, as well as engaged with counterparts in other agencies and in the Executive Office of the President on a wide range of climate policy and Clean Air Act regulatory and implementation issues and rulemakings and their legal defense in federal court
- Led, co-led and/or managed, the development of a variety of rulemakings, guidances and other policy products, including:
 - o Clean Power Plan,
 - o Carbon Pollution Standards,
 - o Mercury and Air Toxics Standards,
 - o New Source Performance Standards and Control Technique Guidelines for Oil and Gas,
 - o Cross State Air Pollution Rule and Update,
 - o Rules related to HFCs
 - o Industrial Boiler MACT
 - o Tailoring Rule
 - o Refineries Rule
 - o Biomass policies;
- Served “on point” in providing EPA’s contributions to President Obama’s 2013 Climate Action Plan as well as the Administration’s Methane Strategy

Education

Yale Law School
Doctor of Law - JD · (1976 - 1979)

Yale University
Bachelor's degree, Philosophy and English · (1972 - 1976)