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## Top Skills

Policy

Community Outreach

Marine Spatial Planning

## Publications

PANELIST - Ocean Priorities for 2017

PRESENTER - "Federal/State Coordination for Offshore Wind Development"

Best to be Aware, Rather than Beware, of Sharks

PANEL MODERATOR-A Primer for Practicing Law in a Non-Profit

PANELIST - Resiliency: Recovering from a Climate Disaster

# Adena Leibman

Senior Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Pursuing environmental conservation and awareness through science, law, and policy

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## Experience

NOAA: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Senior Advisor

February 2022 - Present (1 year 7 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Serving in the Office of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/NOAA Administrator as a Senior Advisor focused on supporting the mission of the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and the agency's work on offshore wind across line offices.

Environmental Defense Fund

Senior Manager, Federal Affairs

December 2019 - February 2022 (2 years 3 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Office of U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

4 years 3 months

Natural Resources Counsel and Appropriations Manager

July 2019 - November 2019 (5 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Oceans and Natural Resources Counsel

October 2016 - July 2019 (2 years 10 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Ocean and Coastal Policy Advisor

September 2015 - October 2016 (1 year 2 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

DC Gamecocks

Service Chair

June 2015 - May 2016 (1 year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Ocean Conservancy

2 years 3 months

Plastics Initiative Manager

February 2015 - September 2015 (8 months)

Washington, DC

Coordinated plastics initiative policy, grant deliverables, and events

Staff Attorney, Policy and Programs

July 2014 - February 2015 (8 months)

Portland, OR

Provided legal counsel, policy analysis, and substantive support to the President, program directors, and senior staff

Special Assistant, Policy and Programs

July 2013 - July 2014 (1 year 1 month)

Portland, OR

Provided legal, policy, and general support to the President

ABA SEER - Marine Resources Committee

Newsletter Co-Chair

August 2014 - September 2015 (1 year 2 months)

Portland Fruit Tree Project

Richmond-Area Harvest Coordination Team - Fruit Monitor

June 2014 - March 2015 (10 months)

Portland, Oregon Area

My Carolina Club of Portland

President

June 2014 - March 2015 (10 months)

Portland, Oregon Area

ABA Young Lawyers Division

Assistant Editor, The Affiliate

August 2013 - August 2014 (1 year 1 month)

Served with The Affiliate's editorial staff as a member of the ABA Young Lawyers Division's Emerging Leaders Program

## ABA Law Student Division

### National Chair

August 2012 - August 2013 (1 year 1 month)

Led the nation's largest law student organization; managed a 22-member Board; developed and drove Law Student Division goals and policies

## Law Offices of John M. Boehnert

### Research Assistant

May 2011 - July 2013 (2 years 3 months)

Served as a co-author for an article for the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law and continued as a research assistant on the topic of marine spatial planning for an ABA publication

## Bonneville Power Administration

1 year 5 months

### Law Clerk

January 2012 - May 2013 (1 year 5 months)

Portland, Oregon

Clerked with the Office of General Counsel, Power Section; supported attorneys in Ninth Circuit litigation, employment issues, and other legal research

## Spring Extern

January 2013 - April 2013 (4 months)

Externed with Environmental Planning & Analysis section; supported NEPA reviews and cultural heritage policy analysis

## American Bar Association Law Student Division

### 12th Circuit Governor

March 2011 - March 2012 (1 year 1 month)

Coordinated ABA initiatives for the law students of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington; served on the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors

## Greenridge Estates

### Activities Volunteer

February 2011 - 2012 (1 year)

Lake Oswego, OR

Hosted events for residents at Greenridge Estates, an assisted living community

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon  
CIS Intern  
August 2011 - December 2011 (5 months)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Summer Law Intern  
May 2011 - July 2011 (3 months)

Environment and Natural Resources Division - Environmental Enforcement  
Section

Oceana  
Protected Species Science Intern  
March 2010 - May 2010 (3 months)

Worked on the sea turtle and shark conservation campaigns

United States Senate  
NOAA Sea Grant Dean John A. Knauss Fellowship in Marine Policy  
February 2009 - January 2010 (1 year)

Knauss Fellow in the office of U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Marine Science Program at the University of South Carolina  
Graduate Instructional Assistant  
May 2007 - January 2009 (1 year 9 months)

Taught advanced marine science lab and field courses

University of South Carolina  
Graduate Researcher  
December 2006 - January 2009 (2 years 2 months)

Population Genetics Laboratory of Dr. Joseph Quattro

ScienceQuest/St. Lawrence Place  
Curriculum Coordinator  
August 2007 - December 2008 (1 year 5 months)

Designed and implemented curriculum for after-school science education  
program

Students Engaged in Aquatic Sciences  
Education Outreach Coordinator  
May 2007 - May 2008 (1 year 1 month)

Designed and implemented education outreach program

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## Education

### Lewis & Clark Law School

Juris Doctor, cum laude, Environment and Natural Resources  
Law · (2010 - 2013)

### Cornell University

Executive Leadership Certificate; Performance Leadership  
Certificate · (2020 - 2020)

### University of South Carolina-Columbia

Masters of Science, Marine Science · (2007 - 2009)

### University of South Carolina-Columbia

Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, Marine Science · (2005 - 2007)

### Clemson University

Environment and Natural Resources · (2004 - 2005)