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James R. May is a Professor of Law and co-director of the Environmental Law Center and Adjunct Professor of Graduate Engineering at Widener University. He has been an academic, a founder and director of two leading environmental advocacy organizations, a founder and director of a program on marine policy, a federal litigator, and an environmental attorney. He has litigated 200+ public interest environmental claims (including some in the U.S. Supreme Court) and has authored numerous legal publications relating to environmental and constitutional law.

May is a past Council Member to the governing board of ABA SEER and is founder and inaugural Chair of its Task Force on Constitutional Law. He is a past member of the Committee on Environmental Law to the IUCN. He is the founder, immediate past executive director, and president of the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Law Center. He served as the director of Widener Institute at the Macquarie University Environmental Law Centre in Sydney, Australia and taught International Environmental Law in Sydney and Nairobi, Kenya.

May earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a J.D. from the University of Kansas and an LL.M. from Pace, where he was the Feldshuh Environmental Fellow, graduated first in his class. He lives in Wilmington Delaware with his wife and two children.