

The Next Generation @PaceEnviroLaw

ALMOST ONE IN FIVE Pace Law alumni started their legal careers as students in the Environmental Law Program, which has been dedicated to educating highly qualified, forward-thinking environmental lawyers since 1978. Over the years, the Environmental Law Program has earned a world-class reputation and its faculty, alumni and students have been a consistent point of pride for Pace Law School. Currently, nearly 1,500 graduates are active in practically every facet of environmental law and related areas, and they live in almost every state in the U.S. and over 30 different countries. Our dedicated faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and they continue to serve as national and world leaders in the field.

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It is an exciting and transformative time in the Environmental Law Program. Legal issues in the field are multiplying and becoming more complex with the growth of renewable energy, hydrofracking, urban agriculture, and of course, continued change in our climate systems. These issues are interconnected and evident at every level of government, and these developing fields capture the interest of incoming law students from across the nation. To keep up with and contribute to the ever-evolving field, to build on traditional strengths, and owing to recent retirements of two critical faculty members, the Program has completed a comprehensive strategic plan, hired new faculty and administrators, added courses and projects, and secured new grant funding.

In the last year, two founding Environmental Law Program professors have taken emeritus status. Professor Jeffrey Miller retired to Maine but continues to work on the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, now named in his honor. Professors Ann Powers retired from full-time teaching but still frequents campus—advising the program and its students. Professor Nick Robinson has scaled back full-time teaching in favor of his continued high impact international advocacy with the IUCN and other networks. (Keep an eye out for the textbook *Introduction To Environmental Law: Cases And Materials On Water Pollution Control* by Professors Coplan, Powers, and Miller, as well as Professor Robinson’s new writings on the Charter of the Forest as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.) Lin Harmon, who served as the Assistant Dean of Environmental Law Programs from 2011-2014, has returned home to Oregon where she is working on a new nonprofit, the Ethical Future Institute. Fortunately, the Program still benefits from the continued presence and work of Dean Emeritus Richard Ottinger, who maintains an office in the E-House and works with the Pace Energy and Climate Center on international renewable energy law.

As these accomplished faculty members have scaled back their roles on campus or simply transitioned into some well-deserved retirement, we have welcomed an exceptional group of teachers, researchers and administrators to lead the Program going forward.

In July 2014, Dean Yassky appointed Professor Jason Czarnezki as Executive Director of Environmental Law Programs. Jason joined Pace Law in Fall 2013 as the Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, assuming the named professorship from Professor Robinson, who subsequently was named University Professor for the Environment. Jason researches and teaches in the areas of environmental regulation, natural resources, and food law. He previously directed the U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law. Laura Jensen JD/LLM '12 was

promoted to Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs after two years on the staff. Also in Summer 2014, Professor Karl Rabago LLM '90 returned to Pace as the Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center. Karl has over twenty-five years of experience in the electricity regulation and renewable energy sectors, including serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy and Commissioner at the Texas Public Utility Commission. So far, he has helped the Center to secure over \$500,000 in key grant funding for work on renewable energy and microgrid technology. Professor Nadia Ahmad, who focuses her teaching and scholarship on energy and natural resources law, is Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Law. Margot Pollans, currently the Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy Fellow at UCLA, will join the faculty this fall. Specializing in food and agricultural law, Margot also has worked in environmental law clinics at Georgetown and NYU.

To reflect on the evolving field of environmental law, the Pace Environmental Law Review hosted a symposium entitled, "Reconceptualizing the Future of Environmental Law." During the symposium, professors from across the country discussed the need to redefine environmental law to encompass not only regulatory law but also energy law, land use law, property law, food law, and other areas. The impressive and influential work of the Land Use Law Center (LULC)—led by Executive Director Jessica Bacher '03 and LULC Founder, Professor John Nolon—illustrates this shift perfectly, as does the work of the Energy and Climate Center. Staff at both centers carry out projects at the cutting edge of the field, creatively addressing problems—including sea level rise, disaster preparedness, urban blight and others—while preparing Pace students with hands-on experience.

As the Program grows and adapts to include these new and exciting opportunities and areas of law, it continues to build on its traditional strengths in regulatory and international environmental law. The Environmental Litigation Clinic—skillfully overseen by Professors Daniel Estrin '93, Karl Coplan, and Robert Kennedy Jr. LLM '87—has maintained its remarkable track record, successfully litigating cases involving the Water Transfers Rule, the Tappan Zee Bridge project, mountaintop removal mining, crude oil transport on the Hudson River, and water pollution from dairy CAFOs to name a just a few of its recent undertakings. Along with the Clinic and over forty courses in environmental law, students still



■ **World renowned environmentalist Tony Oposa with Professor Jason Czarnecki.**



■ **Professors Robinson, Rábago, and Nolon, panelists at a LULC conference.**



■ **Professor Robinson recognizes Professor Miller at the renaming of the Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.**

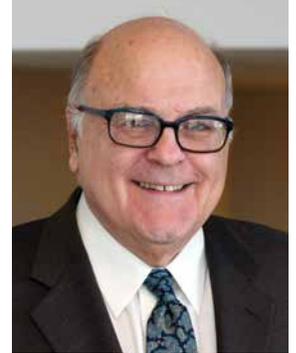
take advantage of staple program offerings including internships with permanent missions to the United Nations through the UN Environmental Diplomacy Practicum, now taught by Ambassador Narinder Kakkar (IUCN) and Professor Victor Tafur SJD '06; Professor David Cassuto's Brazil-American Institute for Law and Environment (BAILE)

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Jury Room Dedication

On March 27, 2014, the Jury Room at Pace Law School was dedicated in honor of Professor Jay Carlisle and former Dean and Professor Janet A. Johnson.



Ronald Jensen Retirement

Pace Law School pays tribute to Ronald H. Jensen, Professor of Law, who retired from teaching tax courses after the Fall 2014 semester. Professor Jensen joined the Pace Law School faculty in 1988 after practicing for 25 years with Jaecke, Fleischmann & Mugel. Many students took Federal Income Tax with Professor Jensen during his 26 years at Pace Law School. His enthusiasm for the subject matter was palpable in the classroom every day. In addition, he wrote law review articles on various aspects of tax law, including tax crimes, corporate tax, and the individual income tax.

“Professor Jensen is a dedicated teacher, careful scholar and wonderful colleague. He leads by example, showing what it means to put students first and bring one’s greatest enthusiasm to the classroom every day. Professor Jensen’s quiet leadership will be missed.”—Professor Bridget J. Crawford

continued from p 5 field course; and the environmental law externship programs in New York and Washington, D.C. Environmental law students also benefit from classes with Professor Shelby Green, who teaches historic preservation law and administers Pace’s new real estate law concentration, and with Professor Alexander Greenawalt, who teaches administrative law alongside courses in Pace’s international law certificate program.

Moving quickly towards its 40th anniversary, the Program looks forward to continued successes, new improvements, and constant renewal. Although a young program by traditional law school standards, we are fortunate to have a thriving and diverse community of accomplished and influential alumni. As part of the Program’s recently finalized strategic plan, we will be increasing our efforts to interact with and strengthen ties with our alumni. If you are a graduate of the Pace Environmental Law Program, please keep in touch with us through faculty and staff such as Laura Jensen (ljensen@law.pace.edu) as well as our email list and social media sites. Our Twitter handle is @PaceEnviroLaw and we invite you to “like” and follow us on Facebook.

“Everyone here is enormously proud of our exceptional group of alumni,” notes Jason Czarnezki. “We ask that you help us grow our environmental alumni community, network with and mentor our students and recent graduates, and ensure that we continue to be a close-knit, supportive, and vibrant group!”

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