2022 – 2023 Message from the Associate Dean and Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs

Since its founding decades ago, Pace Haub Environmental Law led the way in training the environmental leaders and advocates for tomorrow, providing an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Our dedicated faculty are pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and continue to serve as national and world leaders in the field. Our alumni work in law firms, government environmental agencies, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and law schools and universities across the country and around the world. Our students have the benefit of learning and receiving mentorship from experts in the fields of water pollution prevention, sustainable development, food policy, renewable energy, human rights, global environmental law, and corporate environmental social governance. Pace Haub Environmental Law’s consistent high ranking reflects our place at the pinnacle of the field, and we are again thrilled to have new faces join our ever-growing program.

A Haub Law graduate and former Energy & Climate Fellow, Emma Kate Lagle returned to Pace Haub Environmental Law in a new capacity this past summer. As the new Staff Attorney within the Pace Energy and Climate Center, she will work with the Center’s partners to promote clean energy and build regional collaboration. Coupled with the re-naming of the “Food and Beverage Law Clinic” to the “Food and Farm Business Law Clinic,” Pace Food Law will be welcoming a new Program Coordinator, Camden Smithtro, who joins us as a graduate of Yale University following her role as a Senior Advisor in Yale’s Sustainable Food Program. We are also delighted to welcome two highly accomplished legal practitioners to our LLM Fellow cohort. Caroline Chen will support the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition as our Environmental Law Fellow and Argentinian lawyer, Barbara Ballan, is our inaugural Sustainable Business Law Fellow.

Over the past year, as we came to grips with the interconnected realities of the multiple environmental and societal crises we are facing, the Pace Haub Environmental Law community saw numerous opportunities to fill emerging voids in the environmental legal space. Bolstered by the sentiments conveyed in the 2022 Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Lecture on Environmental Law delivered by Roger Martella, GE’s Chief Sustainability Officer—that private actors and corporations are poised to lead a new era of environmental progress—Pace Haub Environmental Law continued its path towards building the next generation of sustainable business lawyers through the Sustainable Business Law Hub. As the pursuit of a human right to a healthy environment meandered its way through national and international fora, Pace Haub Environmental Law students, alums, and faculty ensured that the topic was at the forefront of emerging discussion. Our efforts to strive for diversity, inclusion, perseverance, and compassion, in our teaching, programs, and activities, have been instrumental in driving and delivering positive impacts for the Program.

Pace Haub Environmental Law’s #1 ranking for the past two years is a reflection of the depth and breadth of its stellar program and its focus on innovation. We are grateful to the strong support network that is our Pace Haub Environmental Law community who continue to support our innovative environmental law education and look forward to what lies ahead for the future of environmental law.

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