

Student Panelists

J.D. Candidates, Elisabeth Haub School of Law



Bailey Andree is a second-year law student at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University pursuing an Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law and concentration in Real Estate and Land Use. She is a Research Assistant to Distinguished Professor Emeritus John Nolon, Director of the Environmental Law Society's Land Use and Sustainable Development Division, and a Junior Associate on Pace International Law Review. She is from Atlanta, Georgia, where she discovered a passion for the environment through her studies in Ecology at the University of Georgia. She wants to use the combination of her environmental and legal knowledge to shape the next steps in environmental protection, starting with land use law.



Abigail Dove graduated in May 2020 from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor of Arts in Health Science and a minor in Peace, Justice, and Human Rights. She has a deep passion for ecological consciousness, which flourished during her time at Schumacher College in Devon, England when she attended a short course in 2017 called The Great Work: Gai Theory, Earth Jurisprudence, and Metalaw. She hopes to work with renewable energy technology and is fascinated with how it will be integrated into people's day-to-day lives through sustainable development and invigorating innovators. Abby believes the next steps towards climate change mitigation is through communities on the local level, and land use strategies are the key to accomplishing this goal.

Rhea Mallett, LLM Candidate, Environmental Law, Pace University's Elisabeth Haub Law School. Rhea's legal career centered on criminal justice reform and included serving as Executive Director of NYC's Commission to Combat Family Violence, as well as Deputy Director of NYC's Commission to Combat Police Corruption. She was a defense attorney for indigent clients with the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Division, and founded the Coalition for Women Prisoners at the Correctional Association of New York's Women in Prison Project. An alumna of Paul, Weiss, Rhea is thrilled to be studying land use law at Pace.



Jaclyn McBain Cohen is a third year law student at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and Research Assistant to Professor John Nolon. She has been involved with the Land Use Law Center since Spring 2020, performing research into a variety of subjects, including state preemption of local government authority, the NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2), Nine Element (9E) Watershed Plans, zoning strategies to promote equitable and sustainable housing development, and supportive housing programs. Jaclyn anticipates graduating in May 2022 upon completion of a J.D. degree and an Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law.



Gabriella Mickel, a Haub and Land Use Scholar, is a 2L at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. She currently serves as President of the Environmental Law Society and the Co-Chair of the ABA SEER Environmental Law Society Student Network. She is interested in environmental law at the local level.



Colt Chryst Watkiss graduated in 2018 from the University of Arizona with a B.F.A in Acting. He developed a love for nature early, likely beginning when his parents dunked him in The Narrows of Zion as a “welcome to the world” ritual. That love blossomed into a desire to protect the natural world so he can one day dunk his children. Colt is a rising 2L with interests in land-use, criminal justice, and litigation. In his free time, Colt is an avid follower of basketball and stand-up comedy.



William West is a 2L at Pace Law pursuing an Advanced Environmental Certificate and the Real Estate and Land Use Path to Practice. He is a Junior Associate at the Pace Environmental Law Review and a Student Associate at the Land Use Law Center. As a native of Montgomery, Alabama, he is interested in equity, economic development, and the interaction between rural and urban landscapes.