

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, White Plains, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, 2022 – Present
Adjunct Professor, 2022

Teaching: Environmental Law Current Challenges
 Water Rights Law
 Environmental Law Survey

Loyola University College of Law, New Orleans, LA
Adjunct Professor, 2022

Teaching: Environmental Justice

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Wildlife Federation, New Orleans, LA
Senior Counsel, 2019 – 2022

- Lead counsel to Gulf of Mexico Program.
- Provided day-to-day advice on climate, coastal wetlands, and related-water law and policy matters; conducted analysis to determine breadth and scope of issues to identify and communicate recommendations.

Waltzer, Wiygul and Garside Law Firm, Gretna, LA
Of Counsel, 2017 – 2019

- Represented clients in aspects of Clean Water Act litigation with a focus on private citizen lawsuits.

U. S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Washington, DC
Democratic Legislative Counsel, 2014 – 2017

- Managed upstream/mid-stream oil and gas and Bureau of Land Management land portfolio as primary staff; Collaborator on general energy policy and natural resources issues with a focus on water, forestry and climate policy as well as energy market manipulation and jurisdictional research, development and innovation in energy efficiency.

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, New Orleans, LA
Attorney, 2012 – 2014

- Provided legal representation to the court during legal proceedings, conducted legal research and drafted per curiam decisions.
- Advised the court on administrative and operations issues, including labor and employment, public records requests and other constitutional mandates.

EDUCATION

Southern University Law Center, J.D., 2011

Honors: Brace B. Godfrey Scholarship

Journal: Southern University Law Review, Articles Editor

University of New Orleans, B.S., Psychology, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Fayenisha Matthews, *Water Wrongs* (in progress)

Fayenisha Matthews, *Communicating Upstream: Addressing Non-Point Source Farm Pollution* (in progress)

SELECTED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES

Thirteenth Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship at Vermont Law School, September 2022

Paper Workshop: *Water Wrongs*

9th Annual Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship at Columbia Law School, May 2022

Paper Workshop: *Communicating Upstream: Collaboration and Litigation to Address Nutrient Pollution*

National Association of Law Placement, April 2022

Panelist: *Environmental Law Careers in a Changing Climate*

Louisiana Coastal Law Seminar, April 2022

Faculty Lecturer: *New Administration and Environmental Justice*

National Wildlife Federation All Access, February 2022

Presentation: *Building Resilient Coasts*

Just Transition Lawyering Institute, An Introduction to Just Transition Lawyering, August 2021

Presentation: *The Laws of Equitable Disaster Recovery*

Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources, December 2020

Panelist: *Rebuild or Retreat? Climate Change Forces Communities to Confront Tough Challenges*

Climate Week NYC 2020, September 2020

Panelist: *Climate Migration: Addressing the Crisis*

United States House of Representatives, June 2020

Professional Staff of Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife

Briefing Presentation: *Building Equity in Coastal Policy*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Just Transition Lawyering Institute

Facilitator of Lawyer Cohort, 2021

Louisiana Climate Initiatives Task Force

Member of Legal Advisory Committee, 2020 – Present

Louisiana Sea Grant

Member of Alternative Oyster Culture Grant Selection Committee, Appointed by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, 2021 – Present

Grow Dat Youth Farm

Member of Board of Directors, 2018 – Present

Chair of Board of Directors, 2021 – 2022

New Orleans Food Policy Action Committee

Chair of Seafood Working Group, 2022 – Present

Louisiana Master Naturalist Association, 2019

Master Naturalist Certification Class

Loyola University New Orleans, 2019

Institute of Environmental Communication

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Louisiana State Bar Association

American Bar Association, *Section of Environment, Energy and Resources*