

PAUL RINK

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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL

J.D.

New Haven, CT

May 2019

- *Yale Environmental Law Association Board Member*: planned conferences and speaker engagements.
- *Outlaws Admission & Inclusion Co-Chair*: arranged programs and elections for LGBTQ+ organization.

YALE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT

M.E.M. (Master of Environmental Management)

New Haven, CT

May 2019

- *Forestry Club Elected Member*: coordinated large-scale, school-wide social events for student body.
- *Out in the Woods Co-President*: organized retreats and other bonding events for LGBTQ+ organization.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

B.S., Program in the Environment

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2012

- *Honors*: degree with highest distinction (top 3% of graduating class); Phi Beta Kappa *GPA: 3.95*

EXPERIENCE

OUR CHILDREN'S TRUST

Global Staff Attorney

Portland, OR

Nov. 2020 – present; Jul. – Oct. 2018; Sept. – Dec. 2017

Supporting and developing litigation initiatives in several countries and international human rights tribunals. Implemented successful campaign to enshrine 100% renewable energy targets in Florida law.

THE COLLEGE OF MEXICO

Fox Research Fellow

Mexico City, Mexico

Sept. 2019 – Sept. 2020

Conceptualized and conducted research project about the ways in which business interests alter the development of international environmental law.

CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Independent Consultant

Arlington, VA

Jun. – Oct. 2019

Wrote 8 reports (191 pages) analyzing and comparing forest restoration policies in 6 countries.

YALE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY

Research Assistant

New Haven, CT

Jan. – May 2019; Sept. 2017 – May 2018

Co-produced the invitee list, content, and resources for the Yale Workshop on Trade and Climate Change. Co-created a research methodology and comparative analysis of N.Y. solar zoning laws for the affiliated land use clinic.

U.N. FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Conference of the Parties 22, 23, 24 Delegate

Poland; Germany; Morocco

Dec. 2018; Nov. 2017; Nov. 2016

Assisted Islands First NGO, Palau, and Tonga respectively. Initiated and compiled a report on funding and strategic partnerships for Palau. Monitored finance and transparency negotiations for Tonga.

EARTHJUSTICE INTERNATIONAL

Summer Law Clerk

San Francisco, CA

Jun. – Aug. 2017

Developed a legal memo arguing that a South African coal plant's environmental impact assessment failed to live up to human rights requirements, among other things. Finished 5 other legal memos in support of international environmental advocacy.

GOVERNOR BROWN'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Summer Legal Intern

Sacramento, CA

May – Aug. 2016

Completed research projects regarding land use planning guidelines, legislative analyses, and renewable energy initiatives. Wrote two policy reports related to California's carbon emission reduction targets.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

MICROSOFT WORD, EXCEL, POWERPOINT: *Advanced*

SPANISH: *Conversational*

Enjoy mountain hiking and have summited Middle Teton, Kota Kinabalu, Mt. Shasta, and Mt. Rinjani.

Run long-distance races including 5 half marathons and the Vancouver, Canada marathon in May 2022.

Volunteer with the Sunrise Movement Portland branch.

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APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Aspen Ideas Festival Fellow, Aspen Institute, 2022
Robert L. Bernstein Fellow, Our Children's Trust, 2020-2021
Fox International Fellow, Yale University, 2019-2020
Climate Law & Governance Essay Silver Medal, International Sustainable Development Law Centre, 2018
Salzburg Cutler Fellow, Yale Law School, 2017
Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellow, Schell Center for International Human Rights, 2016
Princeton in Asia International Fellow, Princeton University, 2012-2015
Phi Beta Kappa junior-year inductee, 2010
Nine-term James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, 2008-2012
William J. Branstrom Freshman Book Prize, University of Michigan, 2008
Michigan Top Ten Poem for Grades 10-12, Creative Communication Inc. Student Poetry Contest, 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Chapters

1. Robert R.M. Verchick and Paul Rink, *Disaster*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (2021).
2. Paul Rink, *Helping Kids Stand Up for Their Rights: The Role of Climate Change Litigation*, in A BETTER PLANET: FORTY IDEAS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE 173-182 (Dan Esty ed., 2019).

Articles

1. Paul Rink, Andrea Rodgers, Phillip Gregory, *Children, Climate, Constitutional Rights: Juliana v. U.S.*, 21(10) ENERGY L. REP. 334 (2021).
2. Paul Rink, *Regulating the Trees for the Forest: How Indonesia and Brazil Attempt to Reduce Deforestation through Forestry Policy*, 10(1) J. ANIMAL & ENVTL L. 47-69 (2019).
3. Paul Rink, Christina Semasinghe and Herath Manthrithilake, *The Potential Benefits of Rainwater Harvesting for Households in the Jaffna Peninsula*, 21(1) SRI LANKA J. AQUATIC SCI. 59-65 (2016).

Popular/News Media

1. Kelly Matheson, Anders Carlson, and Paul Rink, "Verein KlimaSeniorinnen, Carême, and Duarte Agostinho: How Science Can Save Humanity," *Strasbourg Observers*, Mar. 10, 2023, <https://strasbourgobservers.com/2023/03/10/verein-klimaseniorinnen-careme-and-duarte-agostinho-how-science-can-save-humanity/>
2. Paul Rink, "Climate Kids' Lost, But They Have Changed the Conversation," *Hartford Courant*, Feb. 1, 2020, <https://www.courant.com/opinion/op-ed/hc-op-rink-climate-kids-0201-20200201-vgwx3n7dvrf77n37pumi73zgra-story.html>.
3. Paul Rink, *Juliana v. United States: The Trial of the Century*, in SAGE MAGAZINE: ESCALATION 36-39 (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 2019).
4. Paul Rink, *Syph* in XYLEM LITERARY MAGAZINE 74-83 (University of Michigan, 2009).

5. Paul Rink, *Clouds* in A CELEBRATION OF YOUNG POETS: MICHIGAN – SPRING 2005 15 (Creative Communication Inc., 2005).

PRESENTATIONS

Academic and Professional

1. Andrea Rodgers, Paul Rink, and David Estrin, *Using Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA): Spotlight on Climate Change*, virtual Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC) webinar, May 27, 2022.
2. Sadie Vipond and Paul Rink, *Youth Climate Advocacy in Domestic and International Law*, State University of New York Albany virtual international law classroom presentation, May 4, 2022.
3. David Schwartz, Paul Rink, and Anders Carlson, *Youth-led Petition for 100% Renewable Energy in Florida by 2050*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference panel webinar, March 4, 2022.
4. Andrea Rodgers, Paul Rink, Laura Gehrke, and Susan Glickman, *Florida Petition for Rulemaking: An Online Briefing for Partners*, virtual Our Children's Trust webinar, Nov 30, 2021. Available at <https://vimeo.com/651816420/91a72b878f>.
5. Laith Aqel, Violeta Canaves, Patricia Cruz Marín, Talya Lockman-Fine, Abigail Pershing, Paul Rink, and Louise Wilcox, *Current Fellows Panel*, virtual Bernstein Symposium, Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, Apr. 9, 2021.
6. Paul Rink, *Climate Change Litigation: Getting Kids to Stand Up for Their Rights*, Yale Environmental Dialogue New Haven Workshop, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, Feb. 7, 2019.
7. Paul Rink and Matt Lifson, *Climate Change Chat: Inside Juliana v. United States, the Youth Climate Lawsuit Organized by Our Children's Trust*, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, Nov. 29, 2018.

Popular/News Media

1. Paul Rink, *Traverse Area District Library Featured Program: Let's Talk Sustainability with Paul Rink*, virtual Traverse Area District Library book talk, Jan. 12, 2022. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6BCijNBrys>.
2. Paul Rink, David Schwartz, and Laura Gehrke, *Florida Youth v. Gov. Screening*, virtual Our Children's Trust panel, Jan. 4, 2022.
3. *Protecting the Rights of Kids: Paul Rink and Doug Kysar on Climate Litigation*, Yale Environmental Dialogue, Yale University, Dec. 16, 2019. Available at <http://yalepodcasts.blubrry.net/2019/12/16/protecting-the-rights-of-kids-paul-rink-and-doug-kysar-on-climate-litigation/>.
4. *Season 2, Episode 5: Yale University, Connecticut*, Shifting Climates: A Podcast about Climate Justice & the Church, New Haven, CT, Jul. 2, 2019. Available at <https://shiftingclimates.com/season-2-ep-5/>.
5. *Paul Rink: Inside Juliana v. United States*, On the Environment Podcast Series, Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, Yale University, Jan. 18, 2019. Available at <https://envirocenter.yale.edu/paul-rink-inside-juliana-v-united-states>.