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Career Highlights

Professor and founding director of first U.S. business school interdisciplinary graduate program in sustainability management. Led school to #1 *Bloomberg Businessweek* sustainability ranking. Highly-rated instructor. Author of *BP Blowout: Inside the Gulf Oil Disaster*, #1 listed book by Brookings Institution Press in fall 2016. Legal commentator on environmental issues for *BBC World News*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *London Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Guardian*.

Law clerk to federal appellate court judge. Award-winning Justice Department Trial Attorney who served as lead counsel in high-profile environmental and civil rights enforcement cases. Award-winning State Department lawyer who litigated cases in Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in the Hague. Litigation skills instructor for National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Active member of California Bar currently litigating parallel FOIA case with *The New York Times* to compel release of the key evidence and monitor's reports in the Volkswagen diesel emissions scandal. Argued twice before U.S. Court of Appeals (9th Cir.) in 2021-22.

Chronological Work History

Academic Experience

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Senior Counsel, Environmental Law Clinic (2022-present)

- Supervise and mentor students in Environmental Law Clinic
- Teach litigation skills in court case settings

College of Business Administration, Loyola Marymount University, L.A.

Clinical Associate Professor; Visiting Associate Professor (2016-2021)

- Led University's effort to obtain UNFCCC NGO Observer status
- Senior Fellow, Global Policy Institute
- Faculty Committee, Institute of Business Ethics and Sustainability
- Taught business ethics, sustainability -- excellent evaluations

Kogod School of Business, American University, Washington, D.C.

Senior Professorial Lecturer (2011-15); Executive in Residence (2010-11)

- Founding director of sustainability management degree program
- Built, implemented, and promoted program; developed partnerships; recruited; developed budget; led inter-school working group
- Led school to #1 national sustainability specialty ranking by *Bloomberg Businessweek* in 2013
- Taught business ethics and law, sustainability -- excellent student evaluations

UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability

Visiting Scholar (Summers 2013 and 2014)

- Researched and wrote book on BP Gulf Oil Disaster

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Visiting Professor, Professorial Lecturer (2000-2015)

- Developed and taught Environmental Policy & Law, Con Law
- Developed and directed award-winning lessons of Watergate program
- Excellent student evaluations

Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont

Visiting Professor (multiple J-terms)

- Developed and taught Criminal Justice and Environmental Law

**National Institute for Trial Advocacy
Faculty Member**

- Teach litigation skills at law schools and law firms

Government Experience

**U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
Bureau of Economics, Energy, and Business
Office Director; Senior Negotiator**

- Managed program and staff; senior member of negotiating teams
- Led diplomatic initiatives to advance U.S. foreign policy interests

Office of the Legal Adviser

Attorney-Adviser (International)

- Lead Counsel in international claims arbitration proceedings
- Recipient of Meritorious Honor Award

**U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
Environment and Natural Resources Division
Trial Attorney**

- Lead counsel in complex litigation, including trials, enforcing federal environmental statutes (CWA, SWDA, OPA, CAA, Superfund)
- Lead counsel in record CWA settlement; first SDWA trial
- Extensive deposition, discovery, motions practice experience
- Extensive experience drafting major pleadings and motions
- Recipient of Special Achievement Award

Civil Rights Division

Trial Attorney

- Lead counsel in complex investigations and litigation to enforce federal civil rights laws
- Recipient of Letter of Commendation

Judicial Clerkship

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Law Clerk to United States Circuit Judge**

- Performed legal research and drafted Court of Appeals decisions

Education

Cambridge University, Cambridge, England

M. Phil., Criminology

Thesis: “Government High Technology Record-Keeping
in the United States and Britain: Privacy and the Law”

Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina

J.D.

Teaching Assistant (Political Science Department)

Dean’s Advisory Council (served as alumnus)

Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont

B.A., *cum laude*

Major: Political Science (Honors) Concentration: Foreign Languages

Thesis: “Letting the Airlines Go” (airline deregulation)

Board of Directors, Alumni Association (elected to two terms)

Languages

French, Spanish, German (college level studies – various proficiencies)

Bar Membership

California (Admitted 2013)

Selected Publications**Books**

Jacobs D., *BP Blowout: Inside the Gulf Oil Disaster*, 2016.
Washington, D.C: Brookings Institution Press.

Book chapters and cases

Jacobs, D., and Lawrence, A., “Nestle and Child Labor in the Cocoa Supply Chain,” in Lawrence & Weber, *Business and Society*, 17th Edition, McGraw-Hill (2022).

Jacobs, D., “BP Blowout: The Aftermath of the Gulf Oil Disaster,” in Lawrence & Weber, *Business and Society*, 16th Edition, McGraw-Hill (2020).

Jacobs, D. and Varella, M., “Learning Lessons from Deepwater Disasters: Common Ground in Oil Exploration in Brazil and the U.S.,” in Bergin, T. and Orlando, E. (Eds.), *Forging a Socio-Legal Approach to Environmental Harms: Global Perspectives*, 2017. London: Routledge.

Jacobs, D. “The Federal Enforcement Role in Controlling Ozone,” in McKee, D. (Ed.), *Tropospheric Ozone: Human Health and Agricultural Effects*, 1994. Boca Raton: Lewis.

Journal articles

Jacobs, D. and Moore, M., “The IRS ‘Roboaudit: An Abuse of Authority,” *The CPA Journal*, May 2020.

Jacobs, D. and Kalbers, L., “The Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Scandal and Accountability,” *The CPA Journal*, July 2019 (cover story).

Jacobs, D., “The Role of the Federal Government in Defending Public Interest Litigation,” 44 *Santa Clara Law Review* 1 (2003) (lead).