

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
MINERAL LAW
FOUNDATION**

The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation is a collaborative educational non-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarly research of the issues affecting domestic and international mineral and water resources.

Pacific McGeorge has been a member of the organization's governing board for more than 30 years. In August 2008, Professor Emeritus George Gould received the foundation's Distinguished Teaching Award for his contributions to law graduates and the field of environmental law.

Environmental Law Concentration At Pacific McGeorge

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**Sacramento, California
Where Environmental Legislation Is Born**

California is both the eighth largest economy in the world and the most environmentally conscious state in the nation. Reconciling the twin goals of economic growth and environmental protection presents a continuing challenge. California's innovative environmental laws (including the *California Clean Air Act* and the *California Environmental Quality Act*) have served as models for other states and, in many respects, for the federal government as well.

THE CAPITAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Pacific McGeorge, located in the capital city of the country's largest and most progressive state, presents a unique opportunity to study environmental law.

More than any other state, California is the forum in which the major environmental and natural resources disputes of the era are debated and resolved, ranging from endangered species protection to water allocation to wetland preservation. As the state capital, Sacramento is the focal point for California environmental and natural resources law. Environmental legislation is born here.

In addition to an outstanding faculty and an outstanding curriculum, the Pacific McGeorge Environmental Concentration offers students an extraordinary array of field-placement experiences that allow them to see first-hand and participate in solving environmental legal issues.

Faculty

Our program faculty brings both scholarly excellence and substantial practice experience to the teaching of environmental law. Faculty members who teach in the program have received national recognition for their books, law review articles, and editorial work in the field. Their experience in practicing environmental and natural resources law ranges broadly, and includes work for public agencies, private law firms, and the United Nations.

Professor Salcido is a scholar of environmental and natural resources law, with particular expertise in ocean and coastal law and ecosystem restoration. Her articles have appeared in prominent law journals and she is an active member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. She was a litigation associate in the environmental law group of Pillsbury Winthrop (formerly Pillsbury Madison & Sutro) in San Francisco before joining the Pacific McGeorge faculty.

Professor McCaffrey is a one of the world's foremost authorities on international water law. His draft articles for the International Law Commission formed the basis for the U.N. Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses. McCaffrey has represented three countries in water law disputes before the International Court of Justice in recent years, and his team's arguments have prevailed on each occasion. He is also an adviser to the Nile River Basin Negotiation Committee.



*Rachael Salcido
Professor of Law
Director, Environmental
Law Concentration*



*Stephen C. McCaffrey
Distinguished Professor
and Scholar
Counselor, Institute
for Sustainable
Law Development*





CURRICULUM

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW • ENVIRONMENTAL LAW •
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW • LAND USE
PLANNING • NATURAL RESOURCES • WATER LAW

CAPSTONE SEMINAR: CLIMATE CHANGE LAW & POLICY

“Climate change is the biggest environmental challenge that the world must confront, which is why we selected it as the subject for our first capstone seminar being taught this year.” — John Sprankling

Professor Sprankling is a nationally recognized authority on property law. His treatise *Understanding Property Law* is used by law students across the country. He is the co-author of *Global Issues in Property Law* – the first classroom text in the nation that brings international and comparative law issues into the basic property course. Sprankling’s articles on property and land use issues have appeared in a number of leading law journals, including the *UCLA Law Review*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, and the *Cornell Law Review*.

Professor Weber is an expert on water law, California civil discovery law, and collaborative policy making processes. His scholarly works include co-authorship of one of the leading water law casebooks and the only treatise devoted entirely to California civil discovery law. In addition to his teaching and scholarship he helps mediate water law disputes and facilitate collaborative policy processes.

Justice Robie has served on the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, since 2001. He began his legal career as a consultant for the California Assembly Water Committee, where he helped write much of what is now the state’s water law. A former director of the California Department of Water Resources, Robie served 15 years on the Sacramento County Superior Court. Robie, a graduate of Pacific McGeorge, has been a member of the faculty at his legal alma mater for nearly four decades.



*John G. Sprankling
Distinguished
Professor and Scholar*



*Gregory S. Weber
Director, Institute for
Sustainable Development
Professor of Law*



*Justice Ronald B. Robie
California Court of Appeal
Adjunct Professor of Law*

CAMPUS EVENTS

Leading environmentalists from around the nation visit McGeorge annually to share their ideas and experience with our students. In April 2010, Pacific McGeorge announced its new Environmental Law Concentration, celebrating its arrival with a talk by nutrition expert Michael Pollan. At a dinner that followed his presentation, the University's Board of Regents announced a \$10,000 award to the student Environmental Law Society in support of a campus community garden.

FIELD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

California Attorney General,
Civil Law Division

Environment Law Section

Land Use Section

Natural Resources Section

California Department of
Fish and Game

California Department of
Parks and Recreation

California Department of
Water Resources

California Environmental
Protection Agency

California Natural
Resources Agency

California State
Lands Commission

United States
Department of the Interior

United States
Department of Justice

Environmental and Natural
Resources Division

UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

July 9-30, 2011

Professor Ray Coletta will teach Global Issues in Property Law at Pacific McGeorge's Summer International Legal Studies program in Salzburg, Austria. Program faculty members also include Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States.

January 6, 2011

Members of the Environmental Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools will tour the California Delta, an area that is home both to Pacific McGeorge and the University of the Pacific. Professor Rachael Salcido is a co-organizer of the event, which is being held in conjunction with the annual AALS meeting in San Francisco.

February 2010

"After the Legislative Water Package: Where Are We, and Where Do We Go from Here?" a half-day conference attracted more than 250 attendees to campus, including leading political, economic, scientific, and legal experts. Adjunct Professor Bill Jeffery moderated the forum that featured widely divergent views on the future of California's water resources.

May 2009

Professors Gregory Weber and Steve McCaffrey made presentations at a major Canadian international conference, "Critical Intersections for Energy & Water Law: Exploring New Challenges and Opportunities."

Weber was a co-organizer of the event, which was co-sponsored by Pacific McGeorge, and held at the University of Calgary in Alberta.

April 2009

Professors Ray Coletta and John Sprankling unveiled the first interactive property law casebook published both in hard copy and electronic formats. The book, the fourth in West Publishing's interactive series, was nearly two years in the making.





OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Pacific McGeorge students have numerous opportunities to enrich their Environmental Law Concentration education through participation in many programs, including a growing foreign summer associate externship program that offers placements on several continents.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

Law students participate in activities of the Center's three institutes. Students assist in organizing and take part in forums on issues that have included transboundary freshwater ecosystem restoration, judicial independence, climate change challenges for multinational businesses, corruption, and regulating the Internet.

MCGEORGE LAW REVIEW

Published quarterly, the student-run law review journal features professionally written articles and student-authored comments or case notes, many of them on environmental subjects. One issue every year contains the Review of Selected California Legislation, known as "Greensheets."

ALUMNI

Pacific McGeorge attorneys are national leaders in environmental law who have received numerous awards for their work in the field.

Mark Asmundson, '80

Asmundson is the director of the Northwest Clean Air Agency, a tri-county agency responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local air pollution regulations in Washington state. When he served three terms as mayor of Bellingham, he was heavily involved in environmental issues, including testifying before Congress on pipeline transmission safety throughout the country.

Dinah Bear, '77

Bear was the recipient of the 2009 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy. She served as general counsel for the President's Council on Environmental Quality for more than two decades, under administrations of both parties. A past recipient of the Sierra Club's Distinguished Service Award, she recently taught in the Duke University Environmental Leadership Program.

Ellen Corbett, '75

Corbett is a member of the California State Senate, representing a large Bay Area district. She is the recipient of the California League of Conservation Voters' 2010 Environmental Leadership Award for her legislative work as a senior member of the Senate Standing Committee on Environmental Quality. Corbett served three terms in the California Assembly before moving up to the state Senate.

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE GLOBAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT LAW JOURNAL

Published semiannually, this student-run law review provides a forum for legal scholars, practitioners and students writing on current transnational issues. The journal's contents often focus on international environmental problems, particularly its symposium issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

This student organization presents guest speakers, and helps students locate externships. It is one of more than 30 student organizations on campus, many of which have an environmental component in their activities.

Ross de Lipkau, '72

De Lipkau is a shareholder in the Reno office of Parsons, Behle & Latimer, which has one of the largest environmental, energy, and natural resources practices in the western United States. A great grandson of John Muir, he has served as a trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. He practices primarily in the area of water law and he has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers of America*, 2001-2010.

Kimberley W. Delfino, '93

Delfino is the California program director for the Defenders of Wildlife, a national nonprofit that seeks to promote wildlife conservation through science-based programs. Since joining the organization in 2000, she has co-authored the revision of the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act and helped create the Salton Sea Coalition and Defenders' California desert program.

Daniel Hentschke, '77

Hentschke is the general counsel of the San Diego County Water Authority and is responsible for managing the legal affairs of the agency. Founded in 1944 by the California State Legislature, the agency delivers 90 percent of San Diego County's water supply. His work includes legal issues surrounding the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, an environmentally significant area that also is a water source for San Diego County.

Craig Manson, '81

Manson is the general counsel for the Westlands Water District, the largest agricultural water district in the United States. A former general counsel for the California Department of Fish & Game and long-time Pacific McGeorge faculty member, he served as the U.S. Department of the Interior Undersecretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks from 2001 to 2005.

George F. Ogilvie III, '88

Ogilvie is managing partner of McDonald Carano Wilson's Las Vegas office. His clients include publicly traded, multinational corporations, and national and regional construction companies. Appointed to the Colorado River Commission five years ago, he currently chairs that powerful interstate agency that acquires, managed and protects Colorado River water and hydroelectric power resources.

Robin Rivett, '75

Rivett is the president and CEO of the Pacific Legal Foundation, the oldest and most successful public-interest legal organization that advocates for individual property rights and a balanced approach to environmental regulation. He has litigated cases across the country at the trial and appellate levels in both state and federal courts in cases focused on property rights, natural resource development, and environmental regulation.



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

LL.M. AND J.S.D.

IN INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES LAW

A growing number of countries will suffer water shortages, and conflicts over shared water resources will increase during the coming decades. Experts estimate that by 2025, more than 30 percent of the world's population will live in some 50 countries suffering from water stress or chronic water scarcity. The amount of water on Earth is finite, but human population continues to grow. According to recent United Nations projections, the global population will stabilize at around 12 billion by 2100 – about twice the current level. These sobering facts have brought international water resources to the forefront in a number of arenas. Governments, international financial institutions, major international developers, and private engineering, law, and consulting firms need attorneys with specialized training in this area. Pacific McGeorge is the first law school in the United States to offer a graduate law degree in this field.

JOHN MUIR COLLECTION

Many consider John Muir to be the founder of the environmental movement in the United States. His impassioned advocacy awakened Americans to the need for protection of Yosemite and other natural areas. The largest collection of original John Muir papers in the nation is located at the University of the Pacific campus in Stockton.



John Muir on the 2005 California State Quarter.

Stuart Somach, '79

Somach is a senior partner in the environmental law firm of Somach Simmons & Dunn in Sacramento. He has argued significant water cases before both the United States Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court. Somach has testified before both houses of Congress on water and environmental issues. He is a past chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Water Resources Law.

Scott Slater, '84

Slater is one of the nation's foremost experts in water policy, groundwater and environmental law. He is the general counsel of Cadiz Inc., a publicly traded company that owns 45,000 acres of land underlain by groundwater resources and is developing a conservation and storage project that will provide Southern California with a new source of water. Slater is a shareholder in the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

Margaret Vick, '83, J.S.D. '09

Vick is an Arizona attorney who has a specialized practice in Indian law and environmental law representing tribal governments and inter-governmental organizations. After becoming the first graduate of Pacific McGeorge's highly specialized J.S.D. program in International Water Resources Law, she joined a USAID project as a legal adviser to the Afghanistan Ministry of Water and Irrigation.
