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EDUCATION

J.D. Northeastern University School of Law, 2007

M.P.H. Tufts University School of Medicine, Public Health and Community Medicine, 2007

B.A. Oberlin College, Environmental Studies and Visual Art, 2004

EXPERIENCE

2018–present Acting Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School

2018–present Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Director of Environmental Law Center, Associate Professor of Law, Vermont Law School

2016–2018 Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation

2013–2018 Founding Director of Farm and Food, Conservation Law Foundation

2011–2016 Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation

2008–2011 Associate Attorney, Anderson & Kreiger, LLP

2007–2008 Law Clerk, Anderson & Kreiger, LLP

2007 Legal Intern, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts – Civil Division

2006 Legal Intern, Alternatives for Community and Environment

2005 Judicial Intern, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Judge Judith Dein

PUBLICATIONS

Reports

Winton Pitcoff and Jennifer Rushlow, *Cultivating Good Food Policy: A guide to advocacy campaigns for Massachusetts food system stakeholders* (Conservation Law Foundation & Massachusetts Food System Collaborative 2018), available at <https://mafoodsystem.org/media/projects/pdfs/CultivatingGoodFoodPolicy.pdf>.

Jennifer Rushlow, Gina Coplon-Newfield, Mark LeBel, and Emily Norton, *Charging Up: The Role of States, Utilities, and the Auto Industry in Dramatically Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States* (Conservation Law Foundation, Sierra Club, & Acadia Center 2015), available at <https://www.clf.org/publication/charging-role-states-utilities-auto-industry-dramatically-accelerating-electric-vehicle-adoption-northeast-mid-atlantic-states/>.

Ben Bowell, Cris Coffin, Christophe Courchesne, Ivy Frignoca, Max Greene, Anthony Iarrapino, Jennifer Rushlow, and Kathryn Ruhf, *New England Food Policy: Building a Sustainable Food System* (American Farmland Trust, Conservation Law Foundation, & Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group 2014), available at <http://www.newenglandfoodpolicy.org>.

Book Chapters

Randi J. Eisner and Jennifer K. Rushlow, *Smart Growth (G.L. c. 40R and 40S)* in Massachusetts Zoning Manual (Martin R. Healy & Peter A. Alpert eds., MCLE 5th ed. 2015).

William L. Lahey and Jennifer K. Rushlow, *Coastal Zone Law* in Massachusetts Environmental Law (Gregor I. McGregor & R. Lisle Baker eds., MCLE 3rd ed. 2010).

Kevin D. Batt and Jennifer K. Rushlow, *Municipal Law* in Handbook of Legal Research in Massachusetts (Mary Ann Neary, Ruth G. Matz, & Kevin D. Batt eds., MCLE 3rd ed. 2009).

Articles

Jennifer Rushlow, *Rapid DNA Database Expansion and Disparate Minority Impact*, 20 GeneWatch no. 4 (2007).

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Massachusetts Lawyer of the Year Award, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

2016 Greenovate Boston Award, City of Boston

PRESENTATIONS

2019 Moderator, “Clean Water & Vermont’s Dairy Industry,” Bridging the Gap: Reconciling Agriculture with Environmentalism, Vermont Law School, October 25.

2019 Moderator, “The Frontline: Social Justice, Environmental Justice, and Redressing Past Wrong,” Legal Frameworks for a Green New World: Breathing Life into the Goals of the Green New Deal, Vermont Law School, October 4.

2019 Panel Speaker, “Governing for Farm Viability,” Radically Rural Conference, September 19.

- 2019 Panel Speaker, “Disruptive Forces Affecting Food System Workers,” Food & Our Changing Climate: A Conference Integrating Science and Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, April 26.
- 2019 Opening Remarks, “Calming Troubled Waters: Local Solutions,” Norman Williams Lecture with John Nolon, Vermont Law School, April 4.
- 2019 Invited Speaker, “State Climate Law Case Study,” Virtual Environmental Law Guest Speaker Series, Mercer University Law School, March 18.
- 2019 Invited Speaker, “Legislative Advocacy Training,” Environmental Law Society Civic Engagement Series, Vermont Law School, March 14.
- 2019 Panel Speaker, “Feeding the Warming Planet,” Food Justice Symposium, Harvard Law School, March 9.
- 2018 Moderator, “Applied Law Panel,” Rights of Nature: Shifting Paradigms and Grounding in the Law, Vermont Law School, October 19.
- 2018 Invited Speaker, “Legal Resources for Farmers,” 2018 Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting, June 6.
- 2018 Panel Speaker, “Land Access in the City: From The Ground Up,” 6th Annual Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference, Bunker Hill College, March 17.
- 2018 Panel Speaker, “Changing the Food System Through Policy Advocacy,” 6th Annual Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference, Bunker Hill College, March 16.
- 2018 Panel Speaker, “CLE – Engaging and Working with an Expert Witness and Outside Counsel,” Conservation Law Foundation, January 12.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “CLE – Down on the Farm: Environmental Challenges and Opportunities in Massachusetts Agriculture,” Boston Bar Association, December 6.
- 2016 Panel Speaker, “Land Access for Urban Agriculture,” 2016 Farmland Access Conference, Maine Farmland Trust, December 5.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “Writing Ordinances: Process and Practical Steps,” Municipal Planner Urban Agriculture Webinar, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, November 17.
- 2016 Invited Panel Speaker, “Direct Legal Services for Farmers as a Means for Environmental and Animal Welfare,” Animal Law and Environmental Law: Building Collaboration Conference, Yale Law School, November 5.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “MA Supreme Judicial Court Decision in the Global Warming Solutions Act Case: A Litigation Update,” Boston Bar Association, June 14.

- 2016 Panel Speaker, “Successful Policy Interventions,” 6th Annual New England Food Summit, Housatonic Community College, June 8–9.
- 2016 Speaker, “MA Local Food Action Plan,” Massachusetts Agriculture Day, Massachusetts State House, April 5.
- 2016 Panel Speaker, “Farmland Access, Just Food?,” Forum on Land Use, Rights and Ecology, Harvard Law School, March 25.
- 2016 Presenter and Co-Facilitator, “Urban Agriculture Planning” Pre-Conference Workshop, 4th Annual Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference, Northeastern University, March 12.
- 2015 Speaker, “Charging Up: The Role of States, Utilities, and the Auto Industry in Dramatically Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption,” Acadia Center, Conservation Law Foundation, and Sierra Club Webinar, November 17.
- 2015 Panel Speaker, “Movers and Shakers in Food Law and Policy,” Food Law Leadership Summit, Harvard Law School, October 3.
- 2015 Panel Speaker, “Land in the City: Access and Development,” 3rd Annual Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference, Worcester State University, March 28.
- 2015 Panel Speaker, “Urban Farmers and Food Entrepreneurs—Do You Need A Lawyer?,” 3rd Annual Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference, Worcester State University, March 28.
- 2015 Panel Speaker, “Food Justice,” Global Food, Local Solutions Conference, Vermont Law School, March 27.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Legal Factors in Food Policy: Boston’s Article 89 and Urban Agriculture,” Northeastern University, September 24.
- 2014 Session Leader, “Career Paths for Students Lawyering in Sustainability: Pursuing Innovative Endeavors With Legal Tools Both Old and New,” Lawyering for the Sustainable City Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, March 21.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “The Keystone XL Pipeline: Talking the Tar Sands Boom and its Impacts,” Boston Bar Association, March 18.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Cultivating Local, Healthy Food: Urban Agriculture Initiatives & Pro Bono Opportunities,” Boston Bar Association, February 27.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “New England Food Policy Report,” Massachusetts Food Policy Council, September 5.

- 2014 Invited Speaker, “State Efforts to Recruit and Retain Farmers and Provide Local Foods,” Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference, August 3–6.
- 2014 Speaker, “Reducing Farmland Conversion,” New England Food Policy: Building a Sustainable Food System Webinar Series, Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, Conservation Law Foundation, and American Farmland Trust, May 14.
- 2014 Speaker, “New England Food Policy,” 4th Annual New England Food Summit, Food Solutions New England, June 12–13.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Legal Resources for Urban Farmers,” Urban Farming Conference, Northeastern University, March 8.
- 2014 Panel Speaker, “Local Food Movement,” Local Environmental Action Conference, Northeastern University, March 2.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Cultivating Local, Healthy Food: Urban Agriculture Initiatives & Pro Bono Opportunities,” Boston Bar Association, February 27.
- 2013 Panel Speaker, “Overcoming Barriers to Cultivating Urban Agriculture,” Land Use Law Center’s 12th Annual Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, December 6.
- 2013 Invited Speaker, “Putting it All Together: Strategic Tips for Approaching Environmental Review Including EIS/EIR Design and Preparation,” Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Seminar, Law Seminars International, November 7.
- 2013 Invited Panel Speaker, “Environmental Justice Panel Discussion,” Center for Energy and Environmental Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, October 28.
- 2013 Speaker, “Food Safety – Produce,” 3rd Annual New England Food Summit, University of Southern Maine, June 13–14.
- 2013 Panel Speaker, “Current Food System Issues,” Local Environmental Action Conference, Northeastern University, March 10.
- 2013 Organizer and Speaker, “Massachusetts Electric Vehicle” Roundtable, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, March 7.
- 2012 Invited Speaker, “Food Law and Policy Career Panel,” Harvard Law School, November 14.
- 2012 Invited Speaker, “Environmental and Food Justice Law,” Black Law Students Association, Harvard Law School, October 15.

2012 Invited Panel Speaker, “Environmental Advocacy Law,” U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1, June 14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership, Vermont Law School (Spring 2020)

Professor and Interim Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School (Spring and Summer 2019)

Guest Lecturer, Environmental Economics and Markets, Vermont Law School (Spring 2019)

Guest Lecturer, Natural History and Human Ecology 2, University of Vermont (Spring 2019)

Guest Lecturer, Energy Clinic, Vermont Law School (Fall 2018)

Guest Lecturer, Food Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (Spring 2017)

Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Environmental and Occupational Health, Tufts Medical School (Spring 2017, Spring 2016)

Summer Faculty, Food System Justice and Sustainability, Vermont Law School (Summer 2015, Summer 2016)

Guest Lecturer, Food Justice, Tufts University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

Lawyering Fellow, Legal Skills in Social Context, Northeastern University School of Law (Winter 2006–07)

MAJOR CASES

Kain v. Dep’t of Env’tl. Prot., 474 Mass. 278 (2016).

Allen v. National Institutes of Health, 974 F.Supp.2d 18 (D. Mass., 2013).

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union v. Corey, 730 F.3d 1070 (9th Cir. 2013).

LEGAL SERVICES EXPERIENCE

Legal Food Hub, 2014–2018 (legalfoodhub.org)

Created and implemented the nation’s first pro bono legal services network for lower-income farmers and food entrepreneurs. Currently operating in CT, MA, ME, and RI, with plans for

expansion. Placed over 325 cases, built network of 140 law firms, and leveraged two million dollars in pro bono legal services. Partners include Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, and University of Maine School of Law. Program has attracted funded post-graduate legal fellows from Vermont Law School, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Cornell Law School, Tulane University Law School, and Northeastern University School of Law.

SERVICE

2017–present Member, Massachusetts Farmland Advisory Panel, appointed by Agriculture Commissioner John LeBeaux

2014–present Steering Committee Member, Massachusetts Food System Collaborative

2014–present Network Team Member, Food Solutions New England

2015–2018 Advisory Board Member, Farmland Access Legal Toolkit, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, Vermont Law School

2011–2017 Board of Directors, Alternatives for Community and Environment

2015–2016 Member, Massachusetts Zero Emission Vehicle Commission, appointed by Governor Deval Patrick

2011–2013 Policy Committee Member, Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance

2011–2013 Co-Chair of Environmental Law Public Service Committee, Boston Bar Association

SELECTED MEDIA

E&E News, “Vermont Law School hires new director,” August 6, 2018.

The New Food Economy, “For these pro bono lawyers, ‘Know your farmer’ takes on new meaning,” June 7, 2018, *available at* <https://newfoodeconomy.org/legal-food-hubs-small-farm-business/>.

Civil Eats, “Farmers Can’t Afford the Legal Help They Need. These Lawyers Are Mobilizing to Change That,” May, 17, 2018 (republished in *Edible Manhattan*, May 31, 2018).

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, “Lawyers of the Year,” January 16, 2017, *available at* <https://masslawyersweekly.com/files/2017/01/LOY2017.pdf>.

To Market Magazine, “Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Find Me a Lawyer,” September 9, 2016, *available at* <http://www.tomarketmagazine.com/stories/2016/9/9/matchmaker-matchmaker-find-me-a-lawyer>.

News @ Northeastern, "3QS: Why Court Ruling on Emission Reductions Is 'Important and Influential,'" June 6, 2016.

Boston Globe, "SJC rules Mass. failed to issue proper regulations to cut emissions," May 18, 2016, *available at* <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/05/18/sjc-rules-that-state-failed-issue-proper-regulations-cut-emissions/N6rAAeGAR4LrjqF8K71JJ/story.html>.

WBUR, "Mass. High Court Says State Hasn't Met Obligations On Greenhouse Gas Emissions," May 17, 2016, *available at* <http://www.wbur.org/news/2016/05/17/sjc-ruling-global-warming-act>.

Common Dreams, "Massachusetts Court Side with Teenagers in 'Historic' Climate Victory," May 17, 2016.

MassLive, "State's high court rules for environmentalists in global warming lawsuit against Massachusetts," May 17, 2016.

Boston Globe, "Suit faults Mass. record in cutting emissions," January 4, 2016.

MassLive, "Judge dismisses environmentalists' global warming lawsuit against Massachusetts," March 25, 2015.

AP News, "Lawsuit seeks strict limits on greenhouse gas emissions," March 9, 2015.

MassLive, "Environmental activists sue Massachusetts to get new global warming regulations," March 9, 2015.

E&E News, "In new twist, RFS could boost electric vehicles," July 8, 2014.

The Energy Consumer's Bulletin, "I want to buy an electric vehicle Part 2: New Rebates in Mass.," June 19, 2014.

Providence Journal, "Frank Carini: Tar-sands fuels have no place in region's energy mix," May 20, 2014.

TakePart, "Can New England Source Half Its Food Locally by 2060?," April 4, 2014.

WBUR, "Boston Zoning Commission Approves Urban Farming Guidelines," December 18, 2013.

WCVB Boston, "Federal judge OKs Boston U disease research lab," October 2, 2013.

Boston Globe, "Final risk assessment released for BU biolab," July 6, 2012.

Daily Free Press, "Residents speak out against biolab at forum," April 20, 2012.

Inside Climate News, “Opponent of Clean Fuels Standard Fires Warning Shot at Attorneys General,” April 3, 2012.

Boston Business Journal, “Menino touts economic impact of lab stalled by lawsuits,” January 10, 2012.

BAR ADMISSIONS AND LICENSES

- 2008 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar
- 2008 U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts Bar
- 2010 U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit Bar
- 2012 U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Bar
- 2012 Registered Lobbyist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts