

## William John Snape, III

### Work Experience

American University, Washington College of Law 2007-present

*Assistant Dean, Fellow and Practitioner-in-Residence*

Member of faculty; curriculum committee. Organize, coordinate and ultimately supervise 500+ adjunct faculty professors in all aspects of legal instruction and student networking. Part of Dean's senior staff. Director and founder of WCL's experiential environmental and energy law program, which has mentored and placed over 100 students in the last five years. Currently teach: Global Warming and the Law or Public Lands Law (Fall); Property (Spring); International Trade (Summer); and an upper-level elective (variable). Faculty advisor for *Administrative Law Review*. Sponsor of many student independent studies, a number of which have been published. Visiting Professor at Colorado College, 2008.

Center for Biological Diversity 2006-present

*Senior Counsel and D.C. Director*

Direct all legislative, administrative, and communications work in the nation's capital for dynamic national environmental organization based in the West. Litigate a small but diverse docket, with recent cases relating to global warming, endangered species, toxics and offshore development. Author of numerous op-eds. Producer of radio podcast *Hot Air*. Serve as general counsel to two Center coalition boards: Endangered Species Coalition (*chairman emeritus*) and U.S. Climate Action Network.

Gallaudet University 2004-2012

*Head Swimming and Diving Coach*

Led men and women's teams at NCAA Division III institution. 2008 Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. 2011 and 2012 North East Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year. 2011 World Deaf Swim Coach of the Year, as U.S. team upset Russia for world championship. Still serve on board of United States Deaf Swimming. Still swim competitively. High School All-State (Moorestown, NJ).

Sustainable Futures 2004-2010

*Attorney at Law and Owner*

Represented clients in local land use, contract and environmental matters as solo practitioner. Served as Vice Chair, American Bar Association (TIPS/Animal Law) Committee. Began service on U.S. President's Trade and Environment Committee (TEPAC), with national security clearance (continuing). Winner of Brock Evans Endangered Species Award, 2007.

Defenders of Wildlife 1994-2004

*Vice President and Chief Counsel*

Created internal full-service litigation program at organization with one million members and supporters. Lead counsel and senior conservation policy advisor for all domestic and international programs. Considerable general counsel duties, including political campaigns. Supervised 50+ case litigation docket, covering numerous successful claims under the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Clean Water Act, state statutes, and common law theories. Created and oversaw first-ever non-U.S. offices in Canada and Mexico. Left legacy of

effectuating coordinated ecosystem-wide legal protections and strategies, based on species viability and scientific indicators.

University of Baltimore School of Law

1993-1997

*Adjunct Professor*

Co-taught Environmental Law I and II, with primary focus on natural resource conservation and international environmental law. Advisor for the school's environmental law journal.

Defenders of Wildlife

1991-1993

*Counsel and Marine Science Fellow*

Congressional and administrative advocate for Endangered Species Act reauthorization and appropriations issues. Developed numerous advocacy actions, and coordinated with pro bono attorneys to litigate when necessary. Staff lead for successful campaign in United Nations General Assembly to establish moratorium on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing. Clerk for U.S. Supreme Court case, *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*.

Concern, Inc. (Washington, D.C.)

1989-1990

*Staff Attorney*

Researched and analyzed international, federal and local laws and policies relating to global climate change and toxics. Co-authored *Global Warming and Energy Choices*.

St. Agnes School (Alexandria, VA)

1989-1991

*Faculty Member*

Taught World History (Ninth Grade), Advanced Placement (AP) American Government and AP Comparative Government at private high school. Sponsor of Model U.N. group.

## **Education**

George Washington University

J.D., May 1989\*

Director, Street Law (1988-1989)

President, Environmental Law Society (1989)

Associate Head Swim Coach, GWU Undergraduate Team (1986-1989)

Summer Associate: Brown & Connery (NJ), 1987; Wilkes Artis (DC), 1988

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

B.A., History, Honors College, *magna cum laude*, 1986

Member, Phi Beta Kappa

Studied at University of St. Andrew's (Scotland), 1984-85

President, Theta Xi Fraternity (1985-86)

\* Admitted in DC, Virginia, numerous federal courts of appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court.

## **Selected Publications, Petitions and Testimony**

Petition to the U.S. Department of Commerce for Promulgation of a Mandatory Rule Generally Prohibiting the Export of Natural Gas Produced in the United States, August 2015 (pending).

Frostpaw Addresses Global Warming: Solving a Big Problem with Old Legal Tools and New Administrative Systems, *63 American University Law Review* 1587 (2014).

The District's Renewable Energy Standard Portfolio Amendment Act: Restricting Black Liquor and Other Dirty Fuels, DC Council, Committee on Government Operations (October 29, 2013).

*How Will You Use your Twenty Minutes?*, in *A Wild Success* (Endangered Species Coalition, 2013).

Natural Resource "Conflicts" in the U.S. Southwest: A Story of Hype over Substance, *12 Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 32 (2011).

Endangered Species Recovery and Litigation, U.S. House Natural Resources Committee, 6 December 2011 (general counsel for executive director).

Improving Implementation of the Endangered Species Act, White Paper from the Center for Biological Diversity and the Washington College of Law (Spring 2011).

Federal "Agency Capture" by Industry, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, 3 August 2010.

Joining the Convention on Biological Diversity: A Legal and Scientific Overview of Why the United States Must Wake Up" *10 Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 6 (Spring 2010).

The Role of State ESAs, in *Endangered Species Act: Law Policy and Perspectives* (Donald Baur and Wm. Robert Irvin, eds.), American Bar Association, 2010 (co-author).

No Reason to Wait: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions under the Clean Air Act, Center for Biological Diversity White Paper (June 2009) (co-author).

Radical Environmental Change in the Polar Regions, *8 Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 2-4 (Spring 2008).

"Proactive Habitat Conservation," *The Endangered Species Act at Thirty* (Dale Goble, J. Michael Scott, Frank Davis, eds.) at 286 (2006) (co-author).

Cutting Science, Ecology and Transparency Out of the National Forests: How the Bush Administration Uses the Judicial System to Weaken Environmental Laws, *33 ELR* 10959-77 (December 2003).

Weakening NEPA: How the Bush Administration Uses the Judicial System to Weaken Environmental Protections, *33 Environmental Law Reporter News and Analysis* (ELR) 10682-10693 (September 2003).

"A Proactive, State-Based, Incentive-Driven Policy for Habitat Conservation," in Steven Beissinger and Dale McCullough, Population Viability Analysis (The University of Chicago Press, 2002) (co-author).

"Anatomy of an Environmental Scapegoat," in Endangered Species Act Handbook (ABA, 2002).

Protecting Ecosystems under the Endangered Species Act, *Washburn Law Journal* (2001).

"An Ecological Minute to the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty: Impossible or Inevitable?," in Water and Environmental Issues of the Colorado River Border Region (Pacific Institute, 1998).

Using Citizen Suits to Protect Biodiversity, *Univ. of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law* (1998).

"Standard Scientific Procedures for Implementing Ecosystem Management on Public Lands," in S.T.A. Pickett et al., The Ecological Basis of Conservation (1997) (co-author).

Biodiversity and the Law, Island Press (editor and author, 1996).

Recipe for ESA Reauthorization, *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Journal* (Spring 1995).

GATT's Environmental Miranda: Are Process Standards Getting Due Process?, *Cornell Int'l L.J.* (1994)

What Will Happen to the Critters?: NAFTA's Impact on Wildlife Protection, *Natural Res. J.* (Fall 1993).

Enforcement of Environmental Laws Under a Supplemental Agreement to NAFTA, *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review* (Summer 1993) (co-author).

Critical Habitat Protection Under the Endangered Species Act, U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, 10 April, 2003.

Expediting Environmental Review of Projects, U.S. House Transportation Committee, 8 October 2002.

The Salton Sea, Mexican Delta, & California H2O Issues, U.S. House Resources Committee, 25 July 2002.

The Andean Trade Preference Act and Amendments, U.S. Senate Finance Committee, 3 August 2001.

The Environmental Impacts of the U.S.-Canada Softwood Lumber Trading Relationship, U.S. Senate Finance Committee, March 2002.

Title Transfers of Bureau of Reclamation Projects, U.S. House Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, 30 April 1998.

Habitat Conservation Plans under Federal Law, U.S. House Resources Committee, 24 July 1996.

Endangered Species Act Listing Moratorium, U.S. Senate EPW Committee, 7 March 1995.

The Promise of Exports in Environmental Goods and Services, U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, 24 June 1993.

NAFTA and the Environment, U.S. House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, 10 March 1993.

## **Selected Litigation as Attorney of Record**

### **Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance v. U.S. Department of Interior**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. March 11, 2005 Not Reported in F.3d 2005 WL 583133

### **Center for Biological Diversity v. Office of U.S. Trade Representative**

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. September 16, 2011 450 Fed.Appx. 605 2011 WL 4342653

### **Defenders of Wildlife v. Norton**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. September 02, 2003 74 Fed.Appx. 63 2003 WL 22097956

### **Defenders of Wildlife v. Hogarth**

United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit. September 25, 2003 344 F.3d 1333 2003 WL 22225790

### **Consejo de Desarrollo Economico de Mexicali, A.C. v. U.S.**

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. April 06, 2007 482 F.3d 1157 2007 WL 1054271

### **Center for Biological Diversity v. Blank**

United States District Court, District of Columbia. March 28, 2013 933 F.Supp.2d 125 2013 WL 1248288

### **Conservation Northwest v. Kempthorne**

United States District Court, W.D. Washington, at Seattle. June 25, 2007 Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2007 WL 1847143

### **Castlewood Products, L.L.C. v. Norton**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. April 30, 2004 365 F.3d 1076 2004 WL 911770

### **Sierra Club v. Martin**

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. April 29, 1997 110 F.3d 1551 1997 WL 177325

### **Otay Mesa Property, L.P. v. U.S. Dept. of Interior**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. July 22, 2011 646 F.3d 914 2011 WL 2937177

### **Trumpeter Swan Soc. v. E.P.A.**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. December 23, 2014 774 F.3d 1037 2014 WL 7269530

### **Tucson Herpetological Soc. v. Salazar**

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. May 18, 2009 566 F.3d 870 2009 WL 1362967

### **Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture**

United States District Court, District of Columbia. March 30, 2004 311 F.Supp.2d 44 2004 WL 722652

### **Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Department of Interior**

United States District Court, District of Columbia. April 13, 2004 314 F.Supp.2d 1 2004 WL 842374

### **Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. September 17, 2015 F.3d 2015 WL 5451484

### **Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Dept. of Interior**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. April 17, 2009 563 F.3d 466 2009 WL 1025375