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Professor of Law
William S. Boyd School of Law
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Admitted to the Bar in New York and the District of Columbia

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA
J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1993

Class Standing: Valedictorian; Tony Patiño Fellow; Order of the Coif; Thurston Honor Society; Hastings Law Journal, Member (1991-92) and Assistant Notes Editor (1992-93).

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, NJ
A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1987

R.W. Van de Velde Award for outstanding independent work in public policy, 1986

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law

July 2006-present

Associate Professor of Law

July 2003 to June 2006

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2000 to June 2003

William S. Boyd School of Law

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Teach courses in Environmental Quality Law, Public Land and Natural Resources Law, Natural Resources Law Field Seminar, Administrative Law, Civil Procedure and Property. Conduct research on topics of public land law, natural resources law and food law.

LEGAL AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice

October 1994 to May 2000

Environment and Natural Resources Division, General Litigation Section, Washington, DC

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy, Wellington, New Zealand

January to December 1998

Law Clerk to Hon. Robert P. Patterson, Jr., S.D.N.Y., New York, NY

August 1993 to August 1994

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sèances, Ciénegas, and Slop: Can Collaboration Revive the Colorado Delta?, __ NEVADA L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2008) (work in progress to be presented at UNLV, Boyd School of Law, conference “Collaboration and the Colorado River” in October 2007).

Justice Scalia’s Footprints on the Public Lands, 83 DENVER. U. L. REV.259 (2005).

Road Rage and R.S. 2477: Judicial and Administrative Responsibility for Resolving Road Claims on Public Land, 56 HASTINGS L. J. 523 (2005).

Bret C. Birdsong, Christine Klein, Fred Cheever, NATURAL RESOURCES LAW: A PLACE-BASED BOOK OF CASES AND PROBLEMS (Aspen Law and Business) (2005) (second edition in progress).

Adjudicating Sustainability: New Zealand’s Environment Court, 29 ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY 1 (2002).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER WRITING

“A Primer on Split Estates: Toward a Regulatory Way of Thinking,” Keynote Presentation, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Institute on Surface Use in the Twenty First Century: Finding Good Ground, February 2008.

Habitat Conservation Planning under the Endangered Species Act: What it means for Southern Nevada, 27:9 COMMUNIQUE 23 (September 2006).

Modern Day Land Rush: Landmark Legislation Challenged by its Own Success, 14:1 UNLV MAGAZINE 27 (Spring 2006) (assessing the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act).

“NEPA and the Endangered Species Act: How they Work Together,” CLE International NEPA Conference, Las Vegas, April 2007.

“NEPA and Adaptive Management,” CLE International NEPA Conference, Las Vegas, April 2006.

“The State (and Federal) of the Sagebrush Rebellion,” Nevada State Bar CLE Program, December 2001.

“The Fate of the Late-Breaking Clinton Initiatives,” Nevada State Bar CLE Program, June 2001.

“The Competing Demands of Forest Health, Clean Water and Access for Recreation and Commodity Users,” ABA-SONREEL Conference on Resources Law, April 2001 (panelist).

Adjudicating Sustainability: New Zealand's Environment Court and the Resource Management Act of 1991, prepared for the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship, October 1998.

Setting Priorities for Land Conservation: National Research Council Report Reveals Lessons for Federal Agencies and Land Trusts, The Back Forty, Sept.-Oct. 1993, at 14.

Government Takeouts: The Story of the Lujan Policy Guidelines, The Back Forty, July-Aug.. 1993, at 9.

Qualifying a Land Trust as a Satellite under § 509(a)(3), The Back Forty, Mar.-Apr. 1993, at 6.

The Best Surprise is No Surprise - Drafting Conservation Easements to Provide Adequate Notice of Subsequent Transfers, The Back Forty, Nov.-Dec. 1992, at 21.

Federal Enterprise Zones: Panacea or Palliative for the 1990s?, presented to the American Tax Association (November 13, 1990).

Bret C. Birdsong and Eugene Steuerle, *Getting Serious about Economic Growth*, The World and I, October 1990.

Administration's Enterprise Zone Proposal and H.R.6, the Enterprise Zone Improvement Act of 1989: Hearings before the Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, 101st Cong., 1st Sess., 181 (1989) (statement of Bret C. Birdsong, The Urban Institute).