

KARIN P. SHELDON
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Four Echoes Strategies, Lafayette, Colorado (2013-Present)

- President
Provide policy analysis and strategic advice on Western environmental issues, particularly federal public lands management, wildlife preservation and water resources conservation.

Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy & the Environment, University of Colorado School of Law (Present)

- Senior Fellow
Engage in and support Center's research and scholarly activities.

Western Resource Advocates, Boulder, Colorado (2007 to 2013)

- President
Directed regional non-profit environmental organization dedicated to promoting clean energy and protecting the West's land, water and natural resources.
Managed \$5million budget, staff of 37 and programs in 6 offices.
Worked with board and staff to plan and carry out mission.
Raised program and operating funds.
Represented organization in the media, the political arena, and to the public.

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont (1994 to 2007)

- Associate Dean for the Environmental Law Program/Director of the Environmental Law Center
Directed nationally top ranked environmental law program.
Instituted LL.M. in Environmental Law.
Developed joint degree programs with partner schools, including Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
Managed Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Land Use Institute, and Energy Institute.
Raised program funds.
- Professor of Law, specializing in natural resources and environmental law.
Courses included Federal Natural Resources Law, Water Resources Law, Watershed Management and Protection, Environmental Policy and Management, LL.M. Seminar.

The Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C. (1988 to 1994)

- President (1993 -1994)
Directed national conservation organization
Worked with board and staff to carry out mission to protect federal public lands and natural resources.
Balanced budget, ending long-term deficit.
Produced comprehensive strategic program plan.

Raised operating and program funds.

Represented TWS in the media, Congress, federal agencies and public.

- Vice President for Conservation and General Counsel (1991 - 1993)
Managed department of 42 employees with \$7 million budget.
Directed advocacy programs for federal land and natural resource protection.
Represented TWS in the media, Congress, federal agencies.
Raised operating and program funds.

As General Counsel, managed appeals and litigation, provided legal advice on program, operating policy, personnel matters, and issues related to tax-exempt status.

- Vice President for Resource Planning and Economics and General Counsel (1990 - 1991)
Managed research staff of 13 economists, ecologists and foresters, with \$3 million budget.
Directed research projects, preparation of economic and environmental studies.
Team leader in TWS strategic planning process.
- Senior Counsel (1988 - 1990)
Provided legal analysis of federal land management issues and decisions.
Coordinated administrative appeals and litigation.
Managed TWS response to Exxon Valdez oil spill; established and led coalition on oil spill liability legislation.

Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (now EarthJustice), Denver, Colorado (1980 - 1988)

- Staff Attorney
Litigated federal land and natural resource issues, including wilderness preservation; national forest management; wildlife and archeological resources protection; mining and oil and gas regulation; water rights.

Sheldon, Harmon and Weiss, Washington, D.C. (1977 - 1980)

- Partner
Specialized in litigation of energy issues; water quality, land use, wildlife.

Berlin, Roisman and Kessler, Washington, D.C. (1971 - 1977)

- Partner (1974 -1977); Associate (1971 - 1974)
Practice focused on energy issues, wildlife protection, land use matters, civil rights.

Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C. (1970 - 1971)

- One of Nader's "Raiders"
Investigated urban environmental health problems.

ADJUNCT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2008 – Present Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, Colorado.
Courses: Water Resources Law, Wildlife Law

- 2006 Summer Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado School of Law. Course: Foundations of Natural Resources Law
- 2005 Summer Visiting Professor, University of Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russia. Courses: Legal Principles Governing Protection of U.S. National Parks, Wilderness Areas and Wildlife; The National Environmental Policy Act and its Application in Russia.
- 1989 - 1993 Adjunct Professor, National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Course: Federal Natural Resources Law.
- 1985 - 1986 Visiting Professor, University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon. Courses: Federal Natural Resources Law; Water Law; Evidence; Professional Responsibility.
- 1983 - 1985 Adjunct Professor, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado. Course: Federal Natural Resources Law.

PUBLICATIONS

The Endangered Species Act and Western Water Management, CLE International, Western Water Law Conference, November 15, 2012.

THE NEPA LITIGATION GUIDE (Albert M. Ferlo, Karin P. Sheldon, and Mark Squillace eds., 2d. ed. 2012) (1999).

Timing of NEPA Compliance in THE NEPA LITIGATION GUIDE.

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Habitat Conservation Planning: Addressing the Achilles Heel of the Endangered Species Act, 3 N.Y.U. ENVTL L.J. 101 (1998).

"It's Not My Job to Care": Understanding Justice Scalia's Method of Statutory Interpretation Through Sweet Home and Chevron, 24 B. C. ENVTL. AFF. L. REV. (1997).

Wildlife in SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Campbell-Mohn et al. eds., 1993; Update and Pocket Part, 1995).

Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife: The Supreme Court's Slash and Burn Approach to Environmental Standing, 23 ELR 10031 (Jan. 1993).

NWF v. Lujan: Justice Scalia Restricts Environmental Standing to Constrain the Courts, 20 ELR 10557 (Dec. 1990).

NEPA in the Supreme Court, 25 LAND & WATER L. REV. 83-97 (1990).

EDUCATION

J.D. University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
A.B. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

2014 – Present Member, Board of Directors, CDR Assocs., Boulder Colorado
2014 – Present Member, Board of Directors, Western Environmental Law Center, Taos, New Mexico
2007 – Present Member, Advisory Committee, Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment, University of Colorado School of Law

1994 - 2011	Member, Board of Directors, EarthWorks, Washington, D.C.
2001 - 2011	Board Chair
2005 – 2007	Member, Board of Trustees, Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, Hanover, New Hampshire
1997 - 2013	Member, Board of Directors, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.
1988 - 1995	Advisory Committee Member, Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado School of Law
1993 - 2005	Member, Board of Directors, E-LAW, Eugene, Oregon
2001 - 2003	Board Chair
1998 - 2002	Member, Vermont Advisory Board, Conservation Law Foundation
1993 - 1998	Member, Board of Directors, Environmental Law Institute, Washington, D.C.
11/1992-1/1993	Member, Transition Team for President-elect Clinton
1981 - 1992	Member, Board of Directors, Defenders of Wildlife.
1987 - 1988	Board Chair

