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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, South Royalton, VT
Energy Clinic Staff Attorney and Professor of Law, July 2020 – Present
Energy Clinic Staff Attorney and Assistant Professor, August 2016 – June 2020

- Provide law, policy, and advocacy services to clients pursuing clean energy and climate justice solutions:
 - Advising on all stages of renewable energy development including low-moderate income community solar projects in New Hampshire and community solar and micro-hydro projects for small farms and businesses in Vermont.
 - Policy advocacy to advance net metering, community solar, and climate justice in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut through administrative rule-making and state legislation.
- Supervise student clinicians in providing the law, policy, and advocacy services listed above.
- Teach the fundamentals of energy law and policy, lawyering skills, and professional responsibility through the Energy Clinic seminar.
- Co-host the Environmental Law Center's *Hothouse Earth* Podcast.

Global Energy Fellow & Senior Researcher, January 2013 – December 2014

- Led regulatory research for the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative's *Plug and Play* project. The project was a collaboration with Fraunhofer USA and various industry stakeholders to develop and commercialize a peel-and-stick rooftop solar PV module.
- Researched and co-authored a paper about smart grid technologies from an environmental, economic, and energy security perspective; presented findings to a conference at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.
- Researched and co-authored a report on legal and regulatory issues associated with on-farm biodiesel production in Vermont.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, Montpelier, VT
Staff Attorney II, March 2015 – July 2016

- Represented the Department of Public Service in Public Utility Commission (PUC) proceedings, including certificate of public good (CPG) proceedings for renewable energy facilities and electric utility rate cases.
 - Developed a comprehensive understanding of energy policy and utility regulation in Vermont with a particular focus on Vermont's net metering program.
 - Reviewed CPG petitions for compliance with state law and administrative rules.
 - Communicated with parties, experts, stakeholders, and members of the public.
 - Drafted various regulatory filings.
 - Participated in PUC hearings, workshops, and alternative dispute resolution.
 - Prepared and presented an overview of the net metering program and regulatory process to various stakeholder groups and members of the public

DAWSON HARFORD AND PARTNERS, Auckland, New Zealand
Solicitor, Corporate and Commercial Law, June 2009 – July 2012

- Advised corporate clients on a range of corporate and commercial matters, including corporate formation and governance; reporting and compliance under companies and securities legislation and stock exchange listing rules; Trans-Tasman share acquisitions; and various legal agreements including animal pharmaceutical toll manufacturing agreements and geothermal steam supply agreements.
- Advised Maori Iwi groups on Treaty of Waitangi issues, trust governance, and commercial forestry and geothermal issues.

NEW ZEALAND COMMERCE COMMISSION, Wellington, New Zealand
Legal Counsel – Competition Law, February 2006 – July 2007
Legal Advisor – Competition Law, January 2005 – February 2006

- Advised the Commission on legal aspects of anti-trust and consumer protection investigations, the scope of the Commission’s administrative and statutory powers, and the Commission’s information disclosure obligations.
 - Legal research and analysis.
 - Conducted investigative interviews.
 - Reviewed evidence.
 - Drafted search warrants.
 - Assisted with major Commission litigation, including identifying causes of action, drafting court filings, negotiating settlement agreements.
 - Assisted with the development and communication of Commission policies.

COURT OF APPEAL OF NEW ZEALAND, Wellington, New Zealand
Judge’s Clerk to the late Justice Sir Robert Chambers, June 2004 – January 2005

- Supported judge by conducting legal research and analysis; writing memoranda on points of law; reviewing counsel’s submissions; and assisting judge to produce written judgments.

SIMPSON WESTERN LAWYERS, Auckland, New Zealand
Summer Law Clerk, December 2003 – February 2004

- Conducted legal research and drafted a range of property law documents including leases, trusts instruments, and wills.

BAR ADMISSION

- New Hampshire, November 2018 (active).
- Vermont, June 2015 (active).
- Barrister *and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand*, February 2006 (inactive).

EDUCATION

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT

- LLM American Legal Studies, *summa cum laude* – May 2014
- LLM Environmental Law, *summa cum laude* – October 2013
 - Spencer Mason Travelling Scholarship in Law, July 2012
 - Global Energy Fellowship, Vermont Law School, January 2013 – October 2014
 - Academic Excellence Award in Contracts, Fall 2013
 - Academic Excellence Award in Advanced Energy Writing Seminar, Spring 2013

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, Auckland, New Zealand

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), with honors – September 2004
- Bachelor of Arts, Japanese major, economics minor – September 2004
 - Senior Prize in Japanese, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- Oliver, J and Sovacool, BK. “The Energy Trilemma and the Smart Grid: Implications Beyond the United States,” *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies* 4(1) (January, 2017), pp 70-84.