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Education:

College: Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 1961-1965, B.S., With Distinction, in Mechanical Engineering.

Legal: Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1966-1969, J.D., cum laude.

Employment Experience:

1963-1965; Summer Associate Engineer, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. Exhaust system design for Mustang prototypes, cruise control development, and experimentation with stratified charge internal combustion engines.

1965-1966; Associate Engineer-Scientist, Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, California. Member of team with the responsibility for designing the insulation system of the nosecone of the Nike-Zeus missile.

Academic Year 1969-1970; Teacher, Boston Public Schools.

1971-1972; Attorney, Boston Regional Counsel's Office, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Primary responsibility was to provide legal counsel to program managers in charge of implementing federal legislation for the construction and operation of low and moderate income housing.

1973-Present; Professor of Law, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont. Courses taught: Environmental Law, International and Comparative Environmental Law, Land Use, State and Local Government Law, Contracts, Commercial Law, Federal Income Taxation, Constitutional Law. Numerous student and alumni awards for excellence in teaching. David B. Firestone Scholarship Fund established by the 1976 charter class of Vermont Law School.

Member of the Massachusetts and Vermont Bars.

Brief Summary – Establishing and Expanding Environmental Law Education to Improve the World

- 1970s
 - taught first environmental law courses at Vermont Law School
 - instrumental in establishing VLS Environmental Law Center
 - seminars brought environmental law to industry, government, NGOs
- 1980s
 - *Environmental Law for Non-Lawyers*, first book of its kind, used in U.S. colleges and many foreign countries
 - prepared original materials and taught first international/comparative environmental law courses at VLS

- 1990s · U.S. and global environmental issues seminars for U.S. federal judges and in Micronesia and Europe
- keynote speaker – first environmental law conference in Madagascar
- 2000s · helped establish Environmental Law Center at Petrozavodsk State University, Russia
- consultant to World Bank – judicial reform and environmental issues focusing on global environmental issues such as sustainable development and land conservation
- 2010s · consultant to electric utility company with respect to merger/acquisition of another electric utility
- consultant to cities in Okinawa, Japan concerning environmental issues involving U.S. Military bases
- presented workshop on US environmental law to Japan Federation of Bar Associations
- consultant to Himalayan Cataract Project for expansion of “cure blindness” program

Examples of Activities:

Author. *Environmental Law for Non-Lawyers* with Dr. Frank Reed. Fifth Edition. Book translated into Russian. Book has been used in undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the United States and in other countries including Russia, China, and Portugal.

Lecturer and seminar leader on numerous topics of U.S. Environmental Law and International and Comparative Environmental Law. Forums include the Federal Judicial Center and the American Bar Association; USAID and USIA/State Department for programs in Madagascar, Micronesia, Austria, and Eastern Europe; New York University, McGill Law School, Hawaii Law School and Hawaii Pacific University, King’s College London, Petrozavodsk State University Law School, University of Mysore, and Cochin University of Science and Technology, Universidad de Los Andes, Japan Federation of Bar Associations.

- Federal Judicial Center: Three annual conferences for Federal District and Appellate Court judges. Topics – The Nature and Origins of U.S. Environmental Law, and The Evolution of U.S. Environmental Law.
- American Bar Association: Commission on College and University Nonprofessional Legal Studies. Topic – Exporting and Importing Materials That Are Potentially Hazardous to People or the Environment. The discussion concentrated on solid and hazardous wastes and pesticides and other toxic substances.
- Madagascar: Keynote Speaker at First Environmental Law Conference. Topic – Environmental Law Trends in The United States – Away from Command and Control and Toward Market Based Economic Incentives.

- Micronesia: Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. Topics – Global Climate Change and Island Nations, The Marshall Islands as a Landfill Site, and Causeway Construction vs. Ferryboats for Island Commuters.
- Austria and Eastern Europe: Topics – Alternative Mechanisms for Controlling the Environment, Regulating the Entry of Poisonous Substances into the Environment, Citizens' Participation in Environmental Decision making, and Acid Deposition Control.
- New York University: Intensive two or three day seminars designed to provide practical information about environmental law to personnel in industry and government. Topic – Fundamentals of Environmental Law.
- McGill Law School: Topic – Law and the Global Environment.
- Hawaii Law School and Hawaii Pacific University: Topics – Sustainable Development in Developing Countries, The Law/Science Interface, and The Beginning, Evolution, and Future of Environmental Law.
- Kings College London: Topic – International and Comparative Environmental Law.
- Petrozavodsk State University Law School: Summer session lecture series. Topic – Water Pollution Control Law in the United States.
- University of Mysore and Cochin University of Science and Technology, India: Topic – International Trade in Hazardous Materials.
- Universidad de Los Andes, Santiago, Chile: Topic – Using Market Mechanisms to Control Emissions-Law, Transferable Credits, and International Transactions.
- Japan Federation of Bar Associations: Topic – An Overview of United States Environmental Law.

Consultant to World Bank with respect to using environmental issues as a vehicle for judicial reform in developing countries.

Consultant to Ashesi University, Accra, Ghana, about adding legal education to the Ashesi program.

Counsel to practicing lawyers. Broad range of activities, mostly in the environmental and commercial law areas, including case reviews to define issues, consider alternative legal theories, and plan strategies for negotiation and/or litigation; depositions and other pre-trial preparations; appellate briefs; transactional matters.

- Clean Air Act – New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration issues concerning electricity generating facilities.

- Class action asbestos litigation.
- Financing pollution control programs using tax incentives.
- Federal and state liability for cleanup of hazardous waste sites.