

# **Nicholas J. Schroeck**

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## **Current Academic Appointments**

**University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan**

*Associate Dean of Experiential Education and Associate Professor of Law, July 2019 to Present*

*Director of Clinical Programs and Associate Professor of Law, July 2018 to July 2019*

Teaching: Environmental Law Clinic, Advanced Environmental Law Clinic, Environmental Law, Externships

- Manage Detroit Mercy Law's extensive clinical and experiential programs
- Direct Environmental Law Clinic

**Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan**

**Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors**

*Co-Director, Community Engagement, May 2016 to Present*

- Direct Community Engagement at environmental health sciences center funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

## **Previous Academic Appointments**

**Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan**

*Assistant Professor (Clinical) of Law, December 2013 to July 2018*

*Adjunct Professor of Law, May 2009 to December 2013*

Teaching: Transnational Environmental Law Clinic, Advanced Transnational Environmental Law Clinic, Environmental Law, Energy Law Current Topics Seminar

Director: Transnational Environmental Law Clinic

- Developed Transnational Environmental Law Clinic with University of Windsor Law School in 2011
- Faculty Advisor and Coach, National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

**Northwest University of Politics and Law, Xi'an, China**

*Visiting Professor, October-November 2014*

Teaching: International Environmental Law

**Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California**

*Faculty, Summer Law Program, Vancouver, British Columbia: June 2012, June 2013, June 2014*

Teaching: International Environmental Law

**Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan**

*Adjunct Professor, Winter 2009*

Teaching: Trans-border Environmental Law and Politics: Canada & the United States

## **Publications**

The Flint Water Crisis, Drinking Water Regulations and Gaps in Lead, Copper, and Legionella Protections  
*Volume 98 of the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review, Vol. 98, Forthcoming*

The Flint Water Crisis and Legionella: Harm to Public Health from Failure to Warn.  
*The Journal of Law in Society, 18 J. L. Society 155 (2018).*

A Changing Environment in China: The Ripe Opportunity for Environmental Law Clinics to Increase Public Participation and to Shape Law and Policy.

*Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Vol. 18, Winter 2016*

Microplastic Pollution in the Great Lakes: State, Federal, and Common Law Solutions.  
*University of Detroit Mercy Law Review, Vol 93, Issue Two, Spring 2016*

What is a Pond? Michigan Court of Appeals interprets “Waters of the State” Under Michigan Law. (With Justin Sterk)  
*Michigan Environmental Law Journal, Summer 2015*

Petroleum Coke in the Urban Environment, A Review of Potential Health Effects. (Co-Author)  
*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Spring 2015*

Hydraulic Fracturing and Protection of Freshwater Resources in the Great Lakes State. (With Ryan Schutte and Elizabeth Arnkoff)  
*Indiana International & Comparative Law Review, Vol 24, Issue 113, Spring 2014*

Hydraulic Fracturing and Water Management in the Great Lakes. (With Stephanie Karisny)  
*Case Western Reserve Law Review, Vol 63, Issue 4, Summer 2013*

Asian Carp, Chicago Canal Litigation, and the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Inter-Basin Study. (With Katherine Storch)  
*Michigan Environmental Law Journal, Spring 2011*

Offshore Wind Energy Development in Michigan’s Great Lakes: Current Law and Proposed Legislation. (With Kate Brady-Medley)  
*Michigan Environmental Law Journal, Winter 2011*

### **Education**

**Wayne State University Law School**, Detroit, Michigan  
J.D., May 2007

**Elmhurst College**, Elmhurst, Illinois  
B.A. Urban Studies and Political Science, *cum laude*, May 2002

**University of Edinburgh**, Edinburgh, Scotland  
Politics Honors College, September 2000 to May 2001

### **Other Legal Experience**

**Great Lakes Environmental Law Center**, Detroit, Michigan  
**Executive Director**, March 2010 to July 2017

- Direct all administrative functions; secure grants, donations
- Represent clients in energy, water, air, environmental justice, and transportation matters
- Supervising attorney for Transnational Environmental Law Clinic attorneys and students
- Created highly successful Blue Water Bash

**Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office**, Flint, Michigan  
**Special Assistant Prosecutor**, January 2016 to December 2016

- Investigating Flint water crisis on behalf of County Prosecutor

**National Wildlife Federation**, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
**Regional Representative (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)**, April 2008 to March 2010

- Ensuring the long-term effectiveness of NWF and its affiliates by building strong affiliate organizations, developing and supporting effective board leadership, and creating strong networks of influential people to achieve national and regional conservation victories

**Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor, Michigan**

**Sea Grant Fellow, June 2007 to April 2008**

- Assisted Executive Director on variety of legal matters pertaining to GLC operations and advocacy
- Created policy and advocacy materials, drafted alternate language and amendments for proposed federal ballast water legislation

**Selected Invited Presentations**

Minnesota Environmental Institute, Minnesota State Bar Continuing Legal Education – Great Lakes Compact (Minneapolis, MN, April 23, 2009)

Great Lakes Water Conference – Great Lakes Wetlands (University of Toledo Law School, Toledo, OH, November 13, 2009)

American Bar Association 2010 Eastern Water Law Conference – Great Lakes Compact (Orlando, Florida, May 21, 2010)

Great Lakes Water Conference – Pharmaceuticals in surface waters (University of Toledo Law School, Toledo, OH, November 5, 2010)

Ohio Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources – Ohio Great Lakes Compact legislation (Ohio Senate, Columbus, OH, June 21, 2011)

Michigan State Bar Environmental Law Section annual meeting – State of Water Law (Dearborn, MI, September 15, 2011)

University of Michigan Law School Environmental Law and Policy Program – Oil Pipelines in the Great Lakes Region (Ann Arbor, MI, April 3, 2012)

Indiana University Mckinney School of Law, Environmental Law Symposium – Great Lakes Natural Resource Governance (Indianapolis, IN, March 1, 2013)

American Bar Association's 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Conference – Green Infrastructure and Detroit Stormwater Management (Salt Lake City, UT, March 22, 2013)

Michigan Energy Forum, Ann Arbor SPARK – Great Lakes Energy and Water Nexus (Ann Arbor, MI June 5, 2014)

National Caucus of Environmental Legislators – Great Lakes Water Quality and Proposed Withdrawals (Minneapolis, MN, August 16, 2014)

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference – Using Michigan's FOIA to Challenge Animal Factories (Eugene, OR, March 7, 2015)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Faculty Presentation – Great Lakes Law and Policy: Current Trends (Detroit, MI, April 6, 2015)

Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Law Scholarship – Environmental Law Clinics in China (South Royalton, VT, October 2, 2015)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Law Review Symposium – Microplastics in the Great Lakes  
(Detroit, MI, October 16, 2015)

International Union for the Conservation of Nature Colloquium of the Academy of Environmental Law –  
"Multijurisdictional response to Lake Erie Algae: International, Federal, State and Provincial legal strategies for  
combating nutrient pollution in the Great Lakes."  
(Oslo, Norway, June 23, 2016)

Michigan Environmental Justice Summit – Moderator  
(Detroit, MI, September 24, 2016)

Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors – Getting the Lead Out: Detroit Perspectives  
(Detroit, MI, October 20, 2016)

Complying with Water Quality Laws and Regulations - HalfMoon Education Inc.  
(Livonia, MI, September 19, 2017)

Environmental Health Tour – Moderator for Environmental Health Funders Network  
(Detroit, MI, November 15, 2017)

Environmental Justice in Practice – Hosted conference at Wayne Law in partnership with University of Chicago  
School of Law, American Bar Association, Environmental Law Institute and Great Lakes Environmental Law  
Center  
(Detroit, MI, January 26, 2018)

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference - Great Lakes Water Law  
(Eugene, OR (by Skype) March 2, 2018)

Real Property Law Section, State Bar of Michigan Summer Conference – Water Law Roundtable  
(Chrystal Mountain, MI, July 20-21, 2018)

Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Restoration Conference -- Creation of a Great Lakes Bi-National Climate  
Adaptation Strategy (Detroit, MI, May 9, 2019)

InVivo Planetary Health conference at the Detroit Yacht Club -- Keynote: Environmental Law - litigation and  
legal channels in change making for social and ecological justice. (Detroit, MI, May 17, 2019)

Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship -- "The Quebec Act of 1774 and the Great  
Lakes." (South Royalton, VT, September 21, 2019)

Great Lakes Water Conference – PFAS and Water Quality (Moderator)  
(University of Toledo Law School, Toledo, OH, November 8, 2019)

State of the Straits Conference – Climate Change Law and Policy  
University of Windsor (Windsor, Ontario, November 19, 2019)

Citizens for Peace – Environmental Justice and Public Engagement  
(Royal Oak, MI, June 9, 2020)

Equal Justice Works – 2020 Conference and Career Fair, Pathways to a Career in Environmental Law  
(Moderator)  
(Washington, D.C., virtual appearance, October 23, 2020)

## **Selected Media Appearances**

- Science Friday, National Public Radio, "*Asian Carp and the Supreme Court.*" March 26, 2010
- New York Times, "*Supreme Court to Consider Revisiting 1922 Great Lakes Water Diversion Case.*" April 22, 2010
- Michigan Public Radio, "*Environmental Law Group: Enforce Fines Against Enbridge.*" August 3, 2010
- Time Magazine, "*Invasive Species: Catchin' Some Asian Carp.*" August 10, 2010
- New York Times, "*Mich. Democrat Downplays Oil Spill-Response Role in Cutthroat Re-election Push.*" October 15, 2010
- Detroit Public Television, *Great Lakes Now*, October 10, 2011
- Greenwire, "*There's lots of lawyering to be done as pollution, energy disputes cross borders.*" April 30, 2012
- Fox 2 Detroit, "*Let it Rip: Petroleum Coke Piles on the Detroit River.*" August 15, 2013
- WKYC-TV Cleveland, "*Investigator: Drugs in drinking water higher than expected.*" February 1, 2014
- WDET Radio Detroit, "*Flooding May Be More Common in The Future.*" August 13, 2014
- WKAR Radio Lansing, "*U.S. Supreme Court considers challenge to rules on mercury emissions.*" December 9, 2014
- Washington Post, "*Detroit water customers watching how Flint's bumpy transition to new system unfolds.*" March 4, 2015
- WDET Radio Detroit, "*Governor Snyder's Energy Plan: More Renewables and Less Waste.*" March 16, 2015
- Detroit News, "*Oil Spill Settlement Seems Largest in Michigan History.*" May 13, 2015
- WDET Radio Detroit, "*State of Michigan Wins SCOTUS Case over EPA Mercury Rule, 'Inevitable Delayed' Says Expert.*" June 30, 2015
- Detroit News, "*MDEQ Sets SW Detroit Emissions Plan.*" August 23, 2015
- Bridge Magazine, "*Environmental groups see route to block Michigan highway expansion.*" September 3, 2015
- Fox 2 Detroit, "*Coke Breeze Causes Concern on Detroit Waterfront.*" October 12, 2015
- WDET Radio Detroit, "*The Detroit bankruptcy and the regional water authority.*" November 16, 2015
- Detroit Free Press, "*I-75: Mixed feelings on the \$1B project.*" February 21, 2016
- The Atlantic, "*Who gets to drink from the Great Lakes?*" May 10, 2016
- Michigan Public Radio, "*Will 14-year I-75 project relieve congestion and improve safety?*" August, 15, 2016
- The Guardian, "*Detroit incinerator is hotspot for health problems, environmentalists claim.*" October 23, 2016

Detroit News, *“Experts: State’s water suit against Flint faces hurdles.”* July 31, 2017

Detroit Free Press, *“Speedy Detroit blight removal could be endangering residents.”* August 6, 2017

The Conversation and City Lab, *“Why Michigan needs to draw more revenue from its booming bottled water industry.”* May 22, 2018

WDET Radio Detroit, *“Michigan could be on the verge of another drinking water crisis.”* June 13, 2018

Great Lakes Now and Great Lakes Echo, *“Proposed Trump rollback of fuel standards triggers urban health concerns.”* August 13, 2018

Downtown Publications, *“The EPA slowdown on the dangers of formaldehyde.”* August 22, 2018

WDET Radio Detroit, *“What is the Lake Erie Bill of Rights?”* March 4, 2019

WDET Radio Detroit, *“AG Nessel Ready to shut down Line 5 if tunnel issues aren’t resolved.”* May 6, 2019

Detroit Free Press, *“Plastics pollution? Course urged golfers to hit balls into Lake Michigan.”* July 22, 2019

Michigan Radio, *“Clinics in northern Michigan will help people expunge criminal records.”* July 24, 2019

Fox 2 Detroit, *“Protestors cry injustice over Marathon Petroleum vapor release on Thursday.”* September 16, 2019

WWJ News Radio, *“WWJ In Depth: The Ooze Cruise, Contamination At Electro Plating Services In Madison Heights.”* January 23, 2020.

WDET Radio Detroit, *“University of Detroit Mercy Hosts Symposium on Race, Class and Environmental Justice.”* March 5, 2020

Michigan Radio Stateside, *“With national attention elsewhere, Great Lakes pollution rising.”* April 21, 2020

Great Lakes Now, *“Pollution, Permits: Enbridge, Michigan grapple with Line 5 tunnel project.”* May 27, 2020

Downtown Publications, *“Dams of Oakland: safety ratings on structures.”* July 14, 2020

Michigan Radio Stateside, *“Spectacular skies caused by Western wildfires are a reminder of collective stakes of climate change.”* September 17, 2020

Detroit Free Press, *“Detroit demolitions never stopped as promised.”* October 16, 2020

### **Professional Memberships**

Michigan Bar Association, Environmental Section

American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

## **Academic Service**

### **University of Detroit Mercy School of Law:**

Dean Search Committee (2020-2021)

Teaching and Learning Task Force (2020-2021)

Curriculum Committee (2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021)

Faculty Recruitment and Hiring Committee: (2018-2019, 2019-2020)

### **Wayne State University Law School:**

Member, Clinical Programs Subcommittee (2017-2020)

Chair, Student Affairs Committee (2015-2017)

Member, Experiential Education Committee (2016-2018)

Member, Building and Technology Committee (2016-2017)

Member, Career Services Committee (2017-2018)

## **Community Service**

National Advisory Committee, Equal Justice Works

Council Member, State Bar of Michigan Environmental Law Section

Co-Chair, Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee, State Bar of Michigan Environmental Law Section

Advisory Board, National Sea Grant Law Center

Steering Committee, Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments

Board Member, Great Lakes Environmental Law Center

Treasurer, Board Member, Transportation Riders United

Member, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## **Bar Admissions**

Michigan, 2007

Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

## **Awards**

*Wayne State University Alumni Association, Recent Alumni Award, May 2012*

- Recognized for demonstrating outstanding professional achievement and community contributions.

*Sierra Club, Michigan Chapter, White Pine Award, August 2014*

- Accepted on behalf of GLELC for extraordinary dedication to the protection of the environment.

*State Bar of Michigan 2020 Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award, September 2020*

- Access to Justice Mid-Northern Michigan Expungement Project

*University of Detroit Mercy School of Law 2020 James T. Barnes, Sr. Memorial Faculty Scholar Award, October 2020*

- Received based on scholarship, teaching excellence, and public service