

Community Lawyering for Environmental Justice Part 10: Environmental Justice Implications of PFAS

Faculty Biographies

Scott Faber, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Environmental Working Group – Scott joined the Environmental Working Group, a national environmental health organization, in 2012, and has since led EWG campaigns related to farm, food and chemical safety policies. From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Faber was Vice President for Government Affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, where he led GMA's efforts to enact the Food Safety Modernization Act. From 2000 to 2007, Mr. Faber was a campaign manager for the Environmental Defense Fund. Mr. Faber has frequently testified before Congress as an expert on farm, food, and chemical safety policies. He holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where is an Adjunct Professor.

Rashmi Joglekar, PhD, Associate Director of Science, Policy & Engagement, Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, University of California San Francisco – Rashmi leads the Science, Policy & Engagement team at PRHE. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how toxic chemicals impact susceptible populations and communities and is skilled in addressing these issues with decision-makers in Washington, DC. Rashmi completed her PhD in the Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health Program at Duke University, specializing in neurodevelopmental toxicology. Previously, she was a staff scientist at Earthjustice, where she partnered with lawyers and community leaders working on behalf of impacted communities to build the strongest scientific case for federal agencies to protect communities from harmful chemical exposures.

Jahred Liddie, PhD Student, Population Health Sciences, Environmental Health Department, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health – Jahred is a PhD candidate in the Population Health Sciences program at HSPH. He is a student in the Department of Environmental Health. He studies per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are a ubiquitous and often persistent group of chemical contaminants. Specifically, he is interested in assessing human exposure to PFAS, the environmental justice ramifications of PFAS pollution, and impacts on human health. Prior to starting graduate school, he was a sustainability consultant at Sphera (formerly thinkstep), where he primarily conducted environmental life cycle assessments. He received his B.A. in Environmental Sciences and Engineering from Harvard College and his S.M. in Environmental Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Erik D. Olson, Senior Strategic Director for Health, Environmental Health, NRDC – With 40 years of experience working at the intersection of public policy and consumer advocacy, Erik is a senior strategist and advocate for NRDC's initiatives on health, including campaigns on drinking water protection and toxics in products and the environment. For 15 years, he worked as a senior attorney at NRDC and as the director of its Advocacy Center and Public Health program before leaving to serve as general counsel and deputy staff director for the U.S. Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works. Later, he oversaw food safety and other food-related work at The Pew Charitable Trusts; he rejoined NRDC in 2013. Olson's work has led to the first major overhaul of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's food safety laws in more than 70 years, as well as revamped laws protecting the nation's drinking water from contamination and its food supply from pesticides. He holds degrees from Columbia University and the University of Virginia School of Law. He is based in Washington, D.C.

Jack Schnettler, Public Interest Environmental Law Fellow, Environmental Law Institute, Moderator – Jack is a 2023-2024 Public Interest Law Fellow at the Environmental Law Institute. He works on a broad portfolio of projects at ELI, including ELI's Pro Bono Clearinghouse. Before joining ELI, Jack worked on energy and environmental policy as part of the legislative staff of two U.S. Senators. During his graduate studies, Jack worked on environmental law and policy in the Office of the Governor of North Carolina, the Fish and Wildlife Service's Ecological Services Program, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Enforcement. Jack holds a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he focused on environmental economics and policy, and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he worked in Georgetown's Environmental Law & Justice Clinic. He graduated from Colgate University in 2015 with a B.A. in History and International Relations.