

GRANT WILSON

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Executive and International Environmental Lawyer

About Grant: Grant is the Executive Director & Directing Attorney of leading Rights of Nature organization Earth Law Center. He is a visionary leader and leading expert in international law, environmental law, and ecological-based laws. He has fought boldly for the health of rivers, forests, and other ecosystems for 15 years. He has helped write laws recognizing nature as a subject of rights throughout the world and is a lead editor of a law school casebook on 'Earth law'. Prior to Earth Law Center, Grant led environmental law and policy campaigns throughout the world—in Kenya, Hungary, and elsewhere. He has also written numerous law journal articles and spoken as an environmental expert at over 30 events worldwide.

EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR (USA)

Juris Doctor and Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, May 2012

Activities: SBA Alumni Association Representative, writer for Letter of the Law and The Fine Print, Pro Bono Honors Award, specialization in environmental law and international law.

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA (USA)

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Policy, August 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Earth Law Center, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & DIRECTING ATTORNEY

Boulder, CO & New York, NY (USA) – November 2013 to Present

- Direct day-to-day operations, fundraise, create budgets, and oversee 25+ volunteers.
- Lead campaigns, draft legal memoranda, and conduct public speaking on the rights of nature and other ecocentric legal movements, water law and policy, climate change, and other environmental topics.
- Editor of the casebook *Earth Law: Emerging Ecocentric Law* being published by Wolters Kluwer (2020).
- Lead or supporting fundraiser for over \$1.5 million dollars.

Global Catastrophic Risk Institute, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

San Francisco, CA (USA) – July 2012 to December 2018

- Conducted research and writing on international environmental law, risk analysis, and related topics.
- Published numerous law review articles in leading journals with over 10,000 downloads.

Environmental Management and Law Association, LEGAL EXTERN

Budapest, Hungary – August 2011 to December 2011

- Analyzed case law arising from the Aarhus Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights.
- Attending legal conferences throughout Europe advocating for stronger environmental protections.

International Environmental Law Research Centre, LEGAL INTERN

Nairobi, Kenya – June 2011 to August 2011

- Researched women's rights and land rights under the Kenyan Constitution and conducted field visits.
- Analyzed customary law under the Kenyan legal system to advocate for sustainable land management.

International Environmental Law Project Legal Clinic, LAW CLERK

Portland, OR (USA) – September 2010 to May 2011

- Drafted legal memos and travelled to the 2010 Climate Change Conference to support island nations.
- Analyzed international trade agreements for innovative approaches to addressing climate change.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Expert, U.N. Harmony with Nature Initiative
- Environmental Law and Policy Expert, World Commission on Environmental Law
- Member, Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature
- Licensed Attorney, State of California Bar Association (USA) (Bar number 297877)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Grant Wilson, *Murky Waters: Ambiguous International Law for Ocean Fertilization and Other Geoengineering*, 49(3) TEX. INT'L L.J. 507 (2014).
2. Grant Wilson, *Deepwater Horizon and the Law of the Sea: Was the Cure Worse than the Disease?*, 41 B.C. ENVTL. AFF. L. REV. 63 (2014).
3. Grant Wilson, *Minimizing Global Catastrophic and Existential Risks from Emerging Technologies through International Law*, 31 VA. ENVTL. L.J. 307 (2013).
4. Chris Wold, Grant Wilson, and Sarah Foroshani, *Leveraging Climate Change Benefits Through the World Trade Organization: Are Fossil Fuel Subsidies Actionable?*, 43 GEO. J. INT'L L. 635-694 (2012).

ADDITIONAL

- **Languages:** English (native), Spanish (intermediate speaking and writing).
- **Public Speaking:** Grant has spoken at over 30 events and 40 agency hearings as an environmental expert; contact him for a full list. He has also appeared in documentaries on the Rights of Nature.
- **Hobbies:** Backpacking, cross-country skiing, guitar & ukulele, dog training, science fiction.