

# Catherine Nemetz Clutter

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Georgia School of Law**, Athens, Georgia

J.D. *magna cum laude* May, 1988

*The Order of the Coif*, Top 8%

Castellow Scholarship Recipient

*Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Editorial Board

**The University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia

B.A., *cum laude*, in English and Political Science

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University of Georgia School of Law**, Athens, Georgia

2017-present

*Legal Writing Faculty*

### Selected contributions:

- ❖ Develop and teach two courses for the Legal Writing curriculum – the mandatory 1L year-long course and an upper level Environmental Law drafting course
- ❖ Co-PI on a 5 year funded grant analyzing optimal length and terms on forest conservation easements
- ❖ Serve as a faculty advisor on legal journal Notes and Independent Research projects
- ❖ Update and teach Natural Resources Law undergraduate / graduate level course every Spring semester
- ❖ Update and teach Business Sustainability study abroad course

**University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia

2011-present

*Pre-Law Director and Adjunct Faculty*

### Selected contributions:

- ❖ Individually advise 300+ students and alumni annually on all matters pertaining to admission and attendance at law school
- ❖ Develop and present large group Orientations, workshops, panel discussions and other programming for pre-law students and alumni, averaging 70+ attendees per event
- ❖ Develop and offer Law School Fair with participation by 80+ law schools and 225+ attendees
- ❖ Update and teach Natural Resources Law undergraduate / graduate level course every Spring semester
- ❖ Update and teach year-long freshman Sustainability and Environmental Law Learning Community
- ❖ Update and teach Business Sustainability study abroad course

**University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia

2006-2011

*Director of Extended Campuses and Adjunct Faculty*

### Selected contributions:

- ❖ Provided strategic planning for all aspects of the initiation of extended campuses for the University of Georgia
- ❖ Provided counsel on policy and legal issues, and draft and review contracts for facilities
- ❖ Oversaw the introduction of 10 new degree programs at UGA's extended campuses
- ❖ Developed and taught Natural Resources Law undergraduate / graduate level course
- ❖ Developed and taught freshman level course on general business and tort law

- ❖ Proficient on AV instructional equipment and learning management software (e-Learning Commons)

**Contract Attorney**

2005-2011

Provide legal support services – primarily motion preparation and legal memoranda - on contract basis for local area attorneys.

**Blasingame, Burch, Garrard and Ashley, Athens, Georgia**

2003-2004

*Associate*

**Selected contributions:**

- ❖ Assisted senior partners in complex medical malpractice litigation
- ❖ Drafted discovery, pre-trial motions, summary judgment motions, client correspondence; Argued motions; Conducted client conferences, depositions
- ❖ Primary associate in medical malpractice case with \$1.5 MM settlement award
- ❖ Primary associate in medical malpractice case seeking to establish standard of care in emergency room treatment of stroke patients

**Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Georgia**

1999-2003

*Legal Counsel*

**Selected contributions:**

- ❖ Negotiated and drafted several \$1+ million dollar research services contracts for UGA Research Foundation
- ❖ Negotiated and drafted multi-million dollar Equipment Purchase Agreements, commercial real estate Lease Agreements, professional services contracts, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Agreements
- ❖ Counseled University faculty, staff and administrators on legal, business, academic, and regulatory compliance decisions
- ❖ Drafted human subjects testing protocols and consent / waiver of liability documents

**Painter, Ratterree & Bart, Savannah, Georgia**

1990-1994

*Associate*

**Selected contributions:**

- ❖ Established Georgia precedent on premises liability of engineers on construction sites in Yow v. Clay-Ric
- ❖ Awarded summary judgment in more than 15 cases involving professional or premises liability for corporate and individual clients
- ❖ Created GRIT for high net worth client, dependent on complex valuation of closely held family business
- ❖ Represented commercial developers in wetlands delineation matters

**Bouhan, Williams & Levy, Savannah, Georgia**

1987-1990

*Associate*

**Selected contributions:**

- ❖ Obtained summary judgment on behalf of corporate defendant in multi-count federal case involving issues of anti-trust, fraud and negligence
- ❖ Obtained appellate affirmation of summary judgment award for defendant bank in commercial paper matter
- ❖ Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant hospital in multi-million dollar medical malpractice / professional liability case

**Union Camp Corporation, Savannah, Georgia**

1989-1990

*Corporate Counsel (Interim)*

[Served as interim in-house counsel during employment with Bouhan, Williams & Levy] Negotiated, drafted and reviewed Asset Purchase Agreements, Sales Agreements, vendor contracts, commercial real estate Sale, Lease, and Purchase Agreements, employment contracts, and general corporate contracts; Counseled business executives, sales personnel, human resources officers, and mill management on corporate, labor, regulatory compliance, and environmental issues.

**Selected contributions:**

- ❖ Negotiated and drafted \$1.6 million dollar equipment Purchase Agreement
- ❖ Served as on-site legal representative for investigation and review of OSHA, EEOC, CWA, CAA, and other federal regulatory claims
- ❖ Drafted Purchase Agreements and accompanying real estate documentation for purchase of large timber tracts

## **COURSES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **FANR / ECOL 4818 / 6810**

2007-present

- ❖ Develop and teach this Environmental Law course to students in natural resources, ecology, business and other majors
- ❖ Sought and obtained approval for course to satisfy UGA Environmental Literacy requirement
- ❖ Sought and obtained approval for course to satisfy one element of Sustainability Certificate
- ❖ Member of UGA Watershed faculty
- ❖ Average student evaluation rating of 4.5 / 5.0
- ❖ Increased enrollment through active recruitment of students across campus

### **INTB 5100**

2011-present

- ❖ Developed and implemented International Business course offered through Terry College of Business on Warnell Discover Abroad programs
- ❖ Serve as one of two lead faculty on 36 student cohort in Australia / New Zealand programs
- ❖ Average student evaluation rating of 4.5 / 5.0

### **FYOS 1101**

2007-2011

- ❖ Serve as lead faculty for Sustainability and Law Learning Community
- ❖ Develop and teach freshman required Odyssey seminar on environmental law topics

### **GRANT RECIPIENT**

2021-2026

**Serve as a co-Principal Investigator for a \$599,992.00 interdisciplinary research grant.** In collaboration with faculty in the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and faculty at Mississippi State University, we applied for and were awarded a research grant from the USDA NIFA for "Economic Analysis Of Property Rights Encumbered By Forest Conservation Easements."

### **GEORGIA BANKING SCHOOL**

May, 2021 – 2022

"Ethics in Banking"

### **SESAF Regional Meeting**

January, 2015

"Confusion in the Courts: An Environmental Law Update"

### **Georgia Bar Environmental Law Newsletter**

"*NEDC v. Brown*: Abrogation of the Silvicultural Rule"

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- President-Elect, SAPLA (Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors)
- Editorial Board, Environmental Law Section newsletter, State Bar of Georgia
- American Bar Association, Environmental Law Section member
- LSAC National Recruitment Working Group
- SAPLA Conference Co-Chair, 2015, 2017

## **CIVIC LEADERSHIP**

- UGA, Catholic Center, Finance Board member
- Oconee River Land Trust, Board of Directors
- The Stable Foundation, Board of Directors
- Chair, Annual Giving Campaign, St. Joseph Catholic School
- President, St. Joseph School PTO
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Secretary, Goodwill Board of Directors, Savannah, Georgia.