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Preface to the Second Edition*

Environmental law in the American legal system traces its roots to the late 1960s and early 1970s with the enactment of landmark legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. Now in its fourth decade, the field of environmental law has experienced explosive growth at the state and federal levels with the addition of several other major environmental law statutes and an enormous body of regulations and case law interpreting this legislation.

Attempting to keep pace with the rapid development of the field, environmental law education in American law schools has grown exponentially in the past three decades. For example, the vast majority of environmental law journals and environmental law clinics in American law schools were founded after 1980. This directory provides a comprehensive review of these and other environmental law education opportunities at American law schools. For purposes of this directory, the term “American law schools” refers to member schools and fee-paid schools in the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

The directory summarizes opportunities in “environmental law” education at American law schools. The term “environmental law” typically embraces pollution control law (*e.g.*, air, water, and hazardous waste), which falls within the scope of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) regulatory power. As used in this book, however, “environmental law” also encompasses areas outside of the EPA’s regulatory domain, such as natural resources law, energy law, and land use law.

This book is an essential resource for career services offices at U.S. colleges and universities to assist students who are considering degree programs, concentrations, or careers in environmental law. The book is also a valuable reference tool for law faculty and students involved in environmental law education.

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New Features in the Second Edition

The Second Edition contains significantly more information and categories of information than the First Edition (published by The Graduate Group in 1997). The most noteworthy upgrades are:

- Fifteen new law schools are included.
- The topical listings have been updated and have expanded significantly. Many more schools now offer specialized degrees, joint degree programs, certificates, concentrations, centers, and clinics.
- New categories of information have been added for each school: full-time environmental law faculty; summer programs; environmental moot court and negotiation teams; and environmental law lectures, conferences, and symposia.
- Every school now has website contact information listed.

How to Use This Book

Part I of this book provides a topical listing of environmental law opportunities at American law schools. This section of the book is useful for those interested in obtaining an “at-a-glance” overview of what types of environmental law opportunities are available across the country. For example, individuals seeking to publish an article in an environmental law journal may turn to the section that lists all of the environmental law journals at American law schools. In addition, individuals who are interested in obtaining a specialized degree in environmental law or who wish to attend a school that offers an environmental law clinic can determine where these opportunities exist.

Part II of this book provides a school-by-school listing of the environmental law education opportunities available at American Law Schools. The information is presented in the following categories: Full-time Environmental Law Faculty; Environmental Law Courses; Related Courses; Specialized Curricular Programs; Student Organizations; Journals and Publications; Centers, Clinics, and Externships; Summer Programs; Environmental Law Moot Court and Negotiation Competition Teams; and Environmental Law Lectures, Conferences, and Symposia. While most of these categories are self-explanatory, some require some additional clarification.

- **Full-Time Environmental Law Faculty:** This category lists full-time professors who teach environmental law or related courses. Inclusion on this list does not mean that these professors teach *only* in these areas. Most of these professors also teach required first-year and upper-level courses at their law schools. In addition, many environmental law courses at American law schools are taught by adjunct professors; however, this directory does not list those professors because information about them is much more difficult to obtain.
- **Specialized Curricular Program:** This category lists whether specialized degrees in “environmental law” (LL.M., M.S.E.L., or S.J.D.) are offered. It also includes joint degree programs in related areas (*e.g.*, environ-

mental management, ocean policy, etc.) and certificate programs or concentrations in environmental law or related areas.

- **Summer Programs:** This category lists summer programs that focus on environmental law course offerings, which includes programs available at the law school itself or programs that the law school coordinates at institutions in other countries.