

# William John Snape, III

## Work Experience

American University Washington College of Law 2007-present  
Assistant Dean, Fellow and Practitioner-in-Residence  
Member of faculty; curriculum committee. Organize, coordinate and ultimately supervise adjunct faculty professors in all aspects of legal instruction and student networking. Part of Dean's senior staff. Director and founder of WCL's experiential environmental and energy law program, which has mentored and placed over 100 students in the last five years. Currently teach Global Warming and the Law or Public Lands Law (Fall); Property (Spring); International Trade (Summer), upper-level elective

Sustainable Trade and Environment Committee (TEPAO) clearance (continuing)  
Winner of Brock Evans Endangered Species Award, 2007.

Defenders of Wildlife 1994-2004  
Vice President and Chief Counsel  
Created internal full-service litigation program at organization with one million members and supporters. Lead counsel and senior conservation policy advisor for all domestic and international programs. Considerable general counsel duties, including political campaigns. Supervised 50+ case litigation docket, covering numerous successful claims under the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Clean Water Act, state statutes, and common law theories. Created and oversaw first non-U.S. offices in Canada and Mexico. Left legacy of

effectuating coordinated ecosystem-wide legal protections and strategies based on species viability and scientific indicators.

University of Baltimore School of Law

1993-1997

Adjunct Professor

Co-taught Environmental Law I and II, with primary focus on natural resource conservation and international environmental law. Advisor for the school's environmental law journal.

Defenders of Wildlife

1991-1993

Counsel and Marine Science Fellow

Congressional and administrative advocate for Endangered Species Act reauthorization and appropriations issues. Developed numerous advocacy actions, and coordinated with pro bono attorneys to litigate when necessary. Staff lead for successful campaign in United Nations General Assembly to establish moratorium on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing. Clerk for U.S. Supreme Court case, *Defenders of Wildlife*

## Selected Publications, Petitions and Testimony

Petition to the U.S. Department of Commerce for Promulgation of a Mandatory Rule Generally Prohibiting the Export of Natural Gas Produced in the United States, August 2015 (pending).

Frostpaw Addresses Global Warming: Solving a Big Problem with Old Legal Tools and New Administrative Systems, 63 American University Law Review 1567 (2014).

The District's Renewable Energy Standard Portfolio Amendment Act: Restricting Black Liquor and Other-1( )--e7J15

"A Proactive, State-Based, Incentive-Driven Policy for Habitat Conservation," in Steven Beissinger and Dale McCullough, Population Viability Analysis (The University of Chicago Press, 2002) (coauthor).

"Anatomy of an Environmental Scapegoat," in Endangered Species Act Handbook (2002).

Protecting Ecosystems under the Endangered Species Act, Washburn Law Journal (2001).

"An Ecological Minute to the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty: Impossible or Inevitable?," in Water and Environmental Issues of the Colorado River Border Region (Pacific Institute, 1998).

Using Citizen Suits to Protect Biodiversity, Univ. of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law (1998).

"Standard Scientific Procedures for Implementing Ecosystem Management on Public Lands," in S.T.A. Pickett et al., The Ecological Basis of Conservation (1997) (coauthor).

Biodiversity and the Law (Island Press (editor and author, 1996).

Recipe for ESA Reauthorization, Duke Environmental Law and Policy Journal (Spring 1995).

GATT's Environmental Miranda: Are Process Standards Getting Due Process?, Cornell Int'l L.J. (1994)

What Will Happen to the Critters?: NAFTA's Impact on Wildlife Protection, Natural Res. J. (Fall 1993).

Enforcement of the Endangered Species Act, Environmental Law (1993)

## Selected Litigation as Attorney of Record

### [Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance v. U.S. Department of Interior](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. March 11, 2005 Not Reported in F.3d 2005 WL 583133

### [Center for Biological Diversity v. Office of U.S. Trade Representative](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. September 16, 2011 450 Fed.Appx. 605 2011 WL 4342653

### [Defenders of Wildlife v. Norton](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. September 02, 2003 74 Fed.Appx. 63 2003 WL 22097956

### [Defenders of Wildlife v. Hogarth](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit. September 25, 2003 344 F.3d 1333 2003 WL 22225790

### [Consejo de Desarrollo Economico de Mexicali, A.C. v. U.S.](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. April 06, 2007 482 F.3d 1157 2007 WL 1054271

### [Center for Biological Diversity v. Blank](#)

United States District Court, District of Columbia. March 28, 2013 933 F.Supp.2d 125 2013 WL 1248288

### [Conservation Northwest v. Kempthorne](#)

United States District Court, W.D. Washington, at Seattle. June 25, 2007 Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2007 WL 1847143

### [Castlewood Products, L.L.C. v. Norton](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. April 30, 2004 365 F.3d 1076 2004 WL 911770

### [Sierra Club v. Martin](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. April 29, 1997 110 F.3d 1551 1997 WL 177325

### [Otay Mesa Property, L.P. v. U.S. Dept. of Interior](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. July 22, 2011 646 F.3d 914 2011 WL 2937177

### [Trumpeter Swan Soc. v. E.P.A.](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. December 23, 2014 774 F.3d 1037 2014 WL 7269530

### [Tucson Herpetological Soc. v. Salazar](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. May 18, 2009 566 F.3d 870 2009 WL 1362967

### [Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture](#)

United States District Court, District of Columbia. March 30, 2004 311 F.Supp.2d 44 2004 WL 722652

### [Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Department of Interior](#)

United States District Court, District of Columbia. April 13, 2004 314 F.Supp.2d 1 2004 WL 842374

### [Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. September 17, 2015 F.3d 2015 WL 5451484

### [Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Dept. of Interior](#)

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. April 17, 2009 563 F.3d 466 2009 WL 1025375