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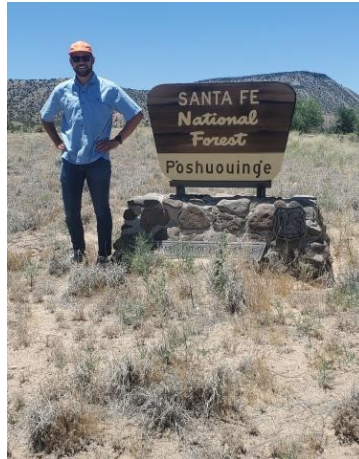
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## Wyss Scholars Program Helps Alumni Pursue Careers In Public Lands Law



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by Emily Battaglia

A legal career in land conservation may often feel unattainable for recent law school graduates. The pressure to pay off student loan debt, coupled with the often-lower paying salaries in public interest jobs, could prompt them to look elsewhere. However, thanks to the Wyss Scholars Program, funded by the Wyss Foundation, one Colorado Law student each year receives generous financial assistance to cover the cost of one-third of law school tuition and expenses, as well as funds for internship opportunities and professional development support.

The program's impact will soon grow; starting in fall 2025, the Wyss Foundation will fund two Wyss Scholars at Colorado Law each year. "The Wyss Scholars Program is a strategic and impactful partnership between Colorado Law and the Wyss Foundation," said Chris Winter, executive director of the Getches-Wilkinson Center, who oversees the Wyss Scholars Program. "Through the program, scholars get exactly the right kind of support that can make a difference in the trajectory of their careers. We're very grateful for the support of the Wyss Foundation, and we are thrilled that the students at Colorado Law have this opportunity."

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To the Friends and Supporters of GWC –

We have a lot to be grateful for at the Getches-Wilkinson Center. For one, all of you have continued to support our work, and we're proud to share updates in this newsletter on our research, events, and mentorship of the amazing students at Colorado Law School. We're thankful for the wonderful community of people who have dedicated themselves to the work that we do to promote sustainable management of our natural resources and to inspire the next generation of leaders.

We are also feeling a deep gratitude for this wonderful place, and we should remind ourselves why we are here and draw inspiration for our connection to the land. We are immersed in beauty, surrounded by wildlife, and blessed by open space and accessible trails. From the spine of the continent, precious headwaters flow to seas. These mountains and their waters provide shelter for bristlecone pines that have survived for more than 2,000 years. Quaking groves of aspen share a single root system that may be 80,000 years old or more. What better place to study this delicate interwoven relationship between human communities and the world we live in?

Our work at GWC is driven by this connection to the people around us and the sense of wonder at the natural environment.

In this issue, we offer reflections on the Martz Symposium on Public Lands we convened to discuss the future of these incredible places. Leaders from across the country gathered at the law school to discuss how we will manage our forests in the era of climate change, how we can balance renewable energy development with the rights of Tribes, and how to manage oil and gas resources for the public benefit.

The symposium built on the Ruth Wright Distinguished Lecture, which featured Solicitor of the Interior Bob Anderson. Solicitor Anderson talked about the clean energy transition on public lands and the impact on Tribal sovereignty. These are the issues that are shaping the leading edge of public land management.

We are also thrilled to announce that the Wyss Foundation has deepened its investment in our partnership to support emerging leaders in land conservation. Moving forward, we will now be able to offer 2 Wyss Scholarships per year to promising Colorado Law students to pursue public interest careers in land conservation.

Throughout all this work, students at Colorado Law School were deeply engaged, contributing to and learning from the work, connecting with leaders from across the country, and thinking deeply about these issues. As we brought this programming to the law school over the last several months, there were many moments where I could see the flames take root in their eyes. We share this root system, and our work is passed from one generation to the next. To everyone who has contributed in some way to our work, thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Winter".

Chris Winter, GWC Executive Director



# Wyss Scholars Program Helps Alumni

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Wyss Scholarships are awarded to promising leaders in United States land conservation. Scholars learn the latest in conservation law and policy and apply that knowledge in careers at land management agencies and nonprofit conservation groups often with a focus on the protection of public lands. Lawyers in this field provide legal and political counsel on a broad range of land and water use issues—work that is critical to ensuring the protection of public lands now and into the future.

Colorado Law is one of only six public institutions in the U.S to host the Wyss Foundation Wyss Scholars Program. The program has had a profound impact on scholarship recipients' lives since the first Wyss Scholar was selected in 2018. For these students, this funding has been instrumental in the path they have taken both during their final year of law school and in the two years following. "Being selected as a Wyss Scholar was huge for a number of reasons," explained Eric Dude '19. "Public interest and environmental law work is not very lucrative for law students, so the scholarship allowed me to search for more interesting internship opportunities while I was still in law school."

The case was similar for Colorado Law's 2020-21 Wyss Scholar Alex Hamilton '21, who was able to work an unpaid externship during his 3L year for a Wyoming nonprofit focused on state and federal public lands policy.

"The stipend allowed me to work at Wyoming Outdoor Council and do more coursework instead of taking a paid job," Hamilton explained. "I was able to do something a little more in my wheelhouse, despite not being paid for it."

After graduation, Dude and Hamilton accepted jobs in their desired fields. While the funding played a huge role in the direction of their early careers, Dude emphasized the overall value of being affiliated with the Wyss Scholars Program.

"Lots of people have resumes in law school that say they are interested in environmental law," Dude shared. "But, to say 'I'm part of the Wyss program' is to say public lands is my focus, I know and understand public lands law, and I want to do something specifically in that area."

Dude believes that he was able to get his dream job as an attorney-advisor at the U.S. Department of the Interior Solicitor's Office because of his Wyss Scholarship.

"As far as setting up your career, the Wyss program is huge in ways I don't think you appreciate when you first get named a Wyss Scholar," Dude said. "There is a whole network of scholars, and to say that you have dedicated your life to public lands work helps people know you are serious about it and not just seeking a job."

Both Dude and Hamilton shared that they were drawn to Colorado Law because of the strength of its natural resource and environmental law program. The world-class faculty, engaging curriculum, and experiential learning opportunities provide students with the support and expertise they need to have successful careers at law firms, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies.

The Wyss Scholars Program continues to bolster Colorado Law as a top-ranked institution for environmental law. We are thrilled to see the success of our past Wyss Scholars and look forward to seeing what future scholarship recipients will accomplish as they embark on their careers.

## Meet the Colorado Law Wyss Scholars

**Eric Dude '19**, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

**Leah Fugere '20**, WilmerHale

**Alex Hamilton '21**, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Johnsie Wilkinson '22**, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Interior

**Jacob Jose '23**, Wildlife and Marine Resources Section, U.S. Department of Justice

**Adam Fisher '24**, Colorado Supreme Court, Chambers of Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright

**Mariah Bowman '25**, Current 3L student

## Ruth Wright Distinguished Lecture with Bob Anderson

On September 26th, the Getches-Wilkinson Center and American Indian Law Program were proud to host Bob Anderson, Solicitor of the Department of the Interior (DOI) for the Ruth Wright Distinguished Lecture. Entitled “Public Lands, Water, and Tribal Sovereignty in an Era of Energy Transition”, Anderson’s lecture provided an overview of how policies regarding federal public lands and waters must adjust to the reality of climate change and the inevitable trend toward a clean energy economy.

Prior to his work at DOI, Anderson was a law professor with extensive experience in American Indian law, public land, and water law. He is an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Earlier in the day, GWC hosted a lunch and learn for Colorado Law students. Anderson shared his professional experiences and offered advice and guidance to students who are interested in working with Tribes and Indigenous People and DOI. Over 70 students turned out for the event, which included an interesting and engaging Q&A session.

Thanks to Solicitor Anderson for sharing his wisdom and expertise with the Colorado Law School community! The Ruth Wright Distinguished Lecture is made possible by the generosity of Ruth Wright and we are grateful for her continued commitment to GWC and the Colorado Law School.



## Martz Symposium on Public Lands

The Getches-Wilkinson Center, American Indian Law Program and Colorado Environmental Law Journal were pleased to present the 2024 Martz Symposium on Public Lands on Oct 4th & 5th at the Colorado Law School. The symposium convened a diverse and inclusive set of stakeholders, policymakers, academics, and advocates to share ideas on how best we can steward and care for America's public lands for current and future generations.

Public lands across the United States provide us with clean water, energy and food production, world-class recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and many other important values. Indigenous peoples have deep ties to the land informed by their traditional ecological knowledge. And public lands drive economic opportunities and job creation for rural communities. For all these reasons, the American public broadly supports the protection and sustainable use of public lands, yet they are facing unprecedented threats from resource degradation, climate change, the demands of multiple uses, and challenges in agency funding levels.

The 2024 Martz Symposium took a deep dive into these rapid changes that are unfolding in real time and how they impact our relationship to the land. The symposium considered the latest developments and proposed reforms to the laws and policies that govern our management of public lands, including a look at those laws that are standing in the way of progress and others that have helped to pave the way for innovation.

Recordings and photographs of the two day symposium can be found on the GWC website. Stay tuned for the Colorado Environmental Law Journal's symposium issue (estimated publication: May 2025), where some of our conference panelists will publish articles on their talks.



# Getches-Green Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Clinic

by Sarah Matsumoto

It's been a busy year for the Getches-Green Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Clinic. We represent a community organization in southwest Oregon who is challenging BLM's program for vegetation management in the region. We brought claims under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. A student team drafted a motion for summary judgment last fall, and a response brief in the spring. A team traveled out to Oregon last spring for a site visit, and one student argued the case in federal court in Medford. We received a partially-favorable decision in May, and now wait for that decision to be adopted by an Article III judge.

Other work at the federal level includes a collaboration with Chris Winter and the Getches-Wilkinson Center to research and draft an amicus brief on behalf of legal scholars in Utah's and individual plaintiffs' challenges to the restoration of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. A team of students researched the legislative history of the Antiquities Act and cases concerning judicial review. That collaboration served as a launchpad for Colorado Law renewing the past practice of hosting 10th Circuit oral arguments at the law school. In September, the consolidated cases were argued at Colorado Law, along with 4 other appeals. We were thrilled that law students had the opportunity to attend arguments in person and reflect on them in other classes.

The Clinic is also providing legal support to clients here in Colorado. Two student attorneys represented a client in a rulemaking proceeding held by the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC). The proposed rules dealt with "cumulative impacts" from the industry, and were aimed at a category of pollution that can disproportionately impact lower-income communities and communities of color who are often already overburdened with pollution. The team advocated for baseline data collection, a resource-based definition of "impact area," and restrictions on development activity in disproportionately impacted communities. Another team of clinic students are advising a neighborhood organization concerned about a proposed oil and gas development in their community; the team supported the client in preparation for a local public hearing and the hearing on the permit application. On Friday, Nov. 15, following the hearing and extensive deliberation, the ECMC voted unanimously to stay the application indefinitely. The Commissioners noted the "public consternation" over the application, and focused on some of the same flaws in the proposal that clinic student attorneys worked with their client to highlight. We are pleased that the Commission recognized the importance of a thorough and accurate application, and did not merely rubber stamp an inadequate proposal.

Outside of the oil and gas context, student attorneys are busy on a range of legal matters. Two student attorneys are working with a community group on their engagement with CDPHE and Xcel over Xcel's planned remediation of groundwater and coal ash landfills at the Valmont Station. Clinic students are also working with clients interested in improving their state's wildlife and endangered species laws, clients engaged on regional air quality issues, and a client opposing a water law change proceeding.

We look forward to continuing to advocate on behalf of communities fighting to protect themselves from environmental harm and communities seeking to promote climate- and environmentally-protective decision-making.



## Welcome New Acequia Assistance Project Director

The Getches-Wilkinson Center is pleased to announce new Acequia Assistance Project Director Nathan Boyer-Rechlin. Nathan comes to the Getches-Wilkinson Center with ten years of professional and educational experience in water resources, community engagement, and policy. Nathan has worked on water resources issues with federal and state agencies, including work with the Bureau of Land Management in the San Luis Valley. In 2018, Nathan moved to Avon, Colorado where he spent three and a half years as the Community Outreach Coordinator at Walking Mountains Science Center.



In 2022, Nathan was led to CU Boulder's Masters of the Environment Program (May '24) from a desire to pivot his environmental career to work on policy issues facing Colorado's watersheds, and the communities who rely on that water. Nathan's master's work focused on western water law and policy, with an emphasis on instream flow policy and Colorado River management. As a student, Nathan volunteered for the Acequia Project in a policy research capacity and served in the project's student leadership including presenting at the Congreso de Acequias in San Luis, CO on legislative issues of concern to the Acequia community.

In addition to his work with the Acequia Project, Nathan works full time for the National Audubon Society. As the Western Rivers Program Specialist at Audubon Rockies, Nathan works to protect healthy, drought resilient watersheds through supporting collaborative policy solutions and on-the-ground projects.

GWC would like to thank Gregor MacGregor, the outgoing director, for many years of visionary leadership, community engagement, and support for the students at Colorado Law School. Gregor has had a lasting impact on the Acequia Project, one which will continue to be felt here in Colorado for years to come.

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## Zane Reynolds Named Charles N. Woodruff Fellow

University of Colorado Law student Zane Reynolds ('26) has been awarded the Charles N. Woodruff Fellowship. The Charles N. Woodruff fellowship was established in memory of Charles Woodruff, a highly successful water resources lawyer, to promote excellence in the practice of natural resources law and is awarded to a student from rural Colorado.

Zane was born and raised in Eagle, Colorado. Beginning in his undergraduate studies at the University of Colorado Boulder, he developed an interest in environmental and natural resources issues, which led him to return for law school.



As the Charles N. Woodruff Fellow at the GWC, Zane has been focused on drafting a white paper opposing an action filed in the Supreme Court by the state of Utah, which claims that the Bureau of Land Management must divest 18.5 million acres of public land in the state in perpetuity. Since the lawsuit was filed, 12 other states have submitted a brief in support of Utah's position. Given the major ramifications this suit might have on public lands, Zane looks forward to continuing his work for the GWC and protecting public lands in the West.

## Research Assistants Added to the GWC Team



Obie Johnson



Sierra Meggitt



Catie Pursifull



Aidan Stearns

The GWC is thrilled to have recently added an expanded team of student Research Assistants (RA's) to our existing cadre of Fellows, Scholars and volunteers.

Obie Johnson (2L) grew up on the Gulf Coast of Florida, which ultimately led him to study environmental law — especially as it relates to the protection of our wildlife and endangered species. He is currently coauthoring an article with Chris Winter, to be published in the ABA's Section on Natural Resources & Environment Spring 2025 Issue, which concerns the Biden/Harris administration's regulatory efforts to balance the facilitation of renewable energy infrastructure growth with the risks it poses to our public lands.

Sierra Meggitt (3L) is continuing her work as an RA looking at the intersection of water resources and public lands management. Currently, she is researching policy solutions to phase out fossil fuel production on federal public lands. After graduation, Sierra will begin a clerkship with the Alaska Court System.

Catie Pursifull (2L) is researching how to improve tribal consultation regarding expansion of renewable energy infrastructure and development on public lands. She is interested in renewable energy law, with a specific focus on utility-scale solar, and will be a Summer Associate at Husch Blackwell in Summer 2025.

Aidan (Addy) Stearns (3L) has transitioned from being our Woodruff Fellow, to being an RA working on GWC's Colorado River Efforts. She is presently focused on examining the current issues and challenges facing the Glen Canyon Dam and analyzing the potential futures for the Dam from an interdisciplinary perspective. She plans to start her career in public interest environmental law next Fall.

When combined with our current Fellowship and Scholarship holders (Woodruff, Harrison, Wyss, and Conscience Bay Company), and our existing Water Law Fellow program, we are continuing to create a mentorship ladder of young professionals able to assist the GWC and each other in a variety of projects and career development efforts.

## Harrison Fellowship in International Water Law

by Victoria Matson

I am grateful for the support of the Harrison Fellowship which is designed to advance innovative solutions for sustainable management of water or related energy resources outside the United States. With this fellowship opportunity I was able to travel to South Africa for a summer internship at the Learning Resources Centre (LCR) in Durban. During my internship with the LRC, I acquired a deeper understanding of how South African law plays a critical role in overcoming the issues presented by the nation's water and energy crises.

One of the projects I produced a memo for involved researching the possible Constitutional and legislative safeguards for a community whose electricity was shut off. In that case, essential water services were unable to function properly based on the electricity supplier's grounds that some community members were illegally stealing from the energy source.

I was eventually onboarded to the organization's Water Project, based in Johannesburg. For this, I met with the organization's attorneys and submitted a factual memorandum of the correspondence between city water officials and the representative of a residential community whose water services abruptly shut off without notice or expected recovery times. I also gathered research for memos regarding the available legal recourse for failing to comply with water quality standards and, further, the inadequacy of electricity shortages as a water supplier's defense.

Since South Africa continues emerging from a post-Apartheid context, attempting to redistribute land and secure tenure as a way to dismantle segregation, I also learned how property law may be implemented to protect vulnerable rural and agricultural interests. For this, I conducted one archival research project into the less-documented land administration practices of rural communities in the Limpopo region. I also compiled findings for legal protections available to farmers and their access to water resources under South Africa's Protection from Illegal Evictions Act, which, among other objectives, shields existing land practices from development without due process.

My time as a summer water law fellow in South Africa has deepened my understanding of complex international water rights and resource management, providing insights that are invaluable to my studies at Colorado Law School. This experience has not only strengthened my commitment to environmental law but has also broadened my perspective on the global challenges and innovative approaches that can guide my future work in public land management.

The Harrison Fellowship was initiated in 2010 by partners of the law firm of Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C. in honor David L. Harrison (Law '71) It is awarded each year to a Colorado Law student on the basis of academic performance, commitment to public service, and interest in the study of water and energy law and policy.

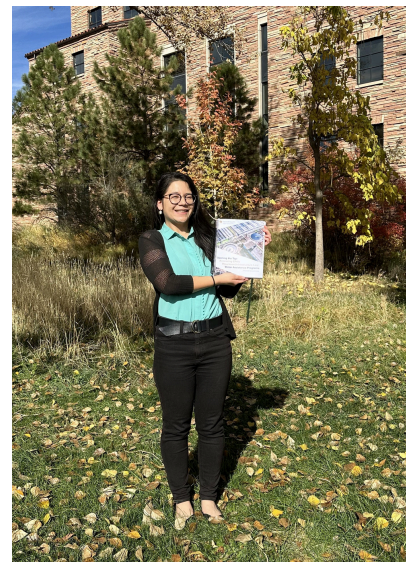


## Frannie Monasterio, Water Law Fellow

Getches-Wilkinson Center is proud to have published *Opening the Tap: Accessing EPA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Water Assistance Programs*, authored by Water Law Fellow Frannie Monasterio. This resource outlines Environmental Protection Agency programs established or funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that provide financial or technical assistance for the many barriers to drinking water or basic sanitation. For some communities, this barrier comes in the form of non-existent water infrastructure. In others, existing infrastructure is no longer able to function as intended because it is in dire need of repairs or upgrades, or is threatened by disruptive events ranging from deep freezes and droughts to cyberattacks.

*Opening the Tap* is geared towards local community members and professionals alike who are working to improve access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation services no matter their needs or where they're located. It provides basic information on whether those programs could apply to your situation, how to access those programs, and where you can turn for more information and assistance.

Frannie completed her two year water law fellowship with GWC at the end of October. We are incredibly grateful for her contributions to GWC and are excited for Frannie's future in water law!



## Andrew Teegarden, Water Law Fellow

Water Law Fellow Andrew Teegarden has continued working to improve their water law knowledge in a variety of areas. Andrew is currently working with the Acequia Assistance project as a supervising attorney alongside law students to help Acequia members apply for grants and other funding programs to help provide water infrastructure updates to the community. He has also been working on a variety of academic papers covering topics from Colorado's conditional water rights to thinking of ways to reduce free riding within the Colorado River Basin. One of his papers, *Uncertain Future: How Conditional Water Rights Have Created Unintended Consequences in Colorado* is currently slated for publication at the University of Denver Water Law Review in the Fall of 2025.

Andrew has also been heavily involved in the rulemaking process for House Bill 1379 which passed in Colorado during the 2024 legislative session. The rulemaking process is currently examining what wetland mitigation might look like in Colorado as well as whether the state goes beyond the 404(b)(1) guidelines. The rulemaking will impact the future of water resources in the Western US and determine if Colorado can mitigate losses of vital wetland areas.





## Kristen Carpenter

Council Tree Professor of Law and Director of the American Indian Law Program

Professor Carpenter has been serving as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, focusing on Indigenous Peoples' human rights in the United States and globally. Professor Carpenter has a forthcoming chapter entitled, "Indigenous Peoples and Religious Freedoms" in the Oxford Handbook on Indigenous Peoples and International Law (2025) and a forthcoming article entitled, "Diplomatically Engaging the United States: A Perspective on Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy," in the UCLA Law Review (2025).



## Sarah Matsumoto

Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic

*Protecting Water, Sustaining Communities: Transforming Groundwater Management Entities into Sources of Power During and After Environmental Crises*, 92 UMKC L. Rev. 825 (2024)

Professor Matsumoto co-authored amicus curiae brief with 3 other legal scholars (at other law schools) about the application of the public trust doctrine to the Great Salt Lake. The brief was signed by law professors from around the country, and filed in the case *Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, et al. v. Utah Dept. of Natural Resources, et al.*, No. 230906637, Third Judicial Dist. (Utah 2024).

"Forests, Fire, and the Future of Old-Growth in an Era of Climate Change," panelist and moderator, 2024 Martz Symposium on the Future of Public Lands, Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment, Boulder, CO, Oct. 4-5, 2024.

"After *Chevron*: the regulatory landscape for public lands and natural resources," Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO, Sept. 30, 2024.



## Michael Pappas

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research, Professor of Law, and John H. Schultz Energy and Natural Resources Law Fellow

Climate Risk, Insurance Retreat, and State Response, 58 GA L Rev 1603 (2024) (With Mark Nevitt) Climate's Last Resorts (forthcoming 2025)

In addition to his research and writing about the intersection of climate change and homeowner's insurance, Professor Pappas has continued to organize and host an online workshop for environmental scholarship. Now in its 6th year, this workshop series convenes environmental, natural resource, and energy law experts from across the country to present and discuss works in progress. The workshop meets twice a week in the spring and fall semesters.



## Jonathan Skinner-Thompson

Associate Professor of Law

*Tribal Air*, 55 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 1005 (2023)

Reviewed by Jordan Lassiter, *Native Self-Governance and Environmental Justice*, THE REGULATORY REVIEW, Aug. 14, 2024

Mentioned by Matthew L.M. Fletcher, *New Scholarship on Air Regulation in Indian Country*, TURTLE TALK, June 22, 2023

Professor Skinner-Thompson also has a work in progress, *The Idea of Air*, which he has workshopped at NYU School of Law's Environmental & Energy Law Colloquium and the inaugural Burke Environmental Law Center's Junior Faculty Workshop at Case Western University.



## Mark Squillace

Raphael J. Moses Professor of Law

Professor Squillace has been named a Fulbright Specialist. This three-year award makes him eligible for short visits to countries around the world where he might be able to offer assistance in his areas of my expertise.

Professor Squillace has had several speaking engagements this fall. He gave a talk on the Antiquities Act of 1906 at the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Symposium at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota. He participated in two panels at the GWC Martz Symposium on Public Lands. One involving *The Future of Oil and Gas on America's Public Lands*, and the other concerning *Mining Reform and the Development of Critical Mineral*. In November, he offered a remote presentation on his plan to save the Colorado River at the *Seminario virtual de Derecho de Aguas Los Consejos de Recursos Hídricos de Cuenca en el Perú: Balance y Prospección (Virtual Seminar on Water Law the Basin Water Resources Councils in Peru: Balance and Prospective)*. And most recently, he returned from Sofia, Bulgaria where he gave several talks to mining administrators from five Balkan countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Romania. These lectures are part of the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) run by the U.S. Department of Commerce with funding and support from the U.S. State Department.

In conjunction with the CLDP program, he is writing a paper presently titled, *A Guide to Best Management Practices for Mining Operations*. On this paper he is being ably assisted by second year law student and GWC research assistant, Obie Johnson. Obie is a mining engineer with degrees from the Colorado School of Mines and has provided Professor Squillace with valuable assistance in addressing some of the technical issues surrounding mining operations.

Professor Squillace has also helped to update a casebook on Natural Resources Law and Policy, published by Foundation Press. This will be the 4th edition of the book, and he are joined by Colorado Law colleague, Mike Pappas. The other co-authors are Jim Salzman, of UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, and Sam Kalen, frequent adjunct professor at Colorado Law, and soon to be a chaired professor at Indiana University at Indianapolis.

## 2024 Match Challenge for the Getches-Wilkinson Center

Here at GWC, we work every day with a diverse group of Colorado Law students who are passionate about water law, public lands, climate change and American Indian law. We see their hard work, dedication, skill and creativity. And it gives us hope for the future.

During this season of giving, thanks to the generosity of Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss and Don and Karen Brown, your financial support for GWC will go twice as far. Every gift given to GWC through December 31, 2024 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000.

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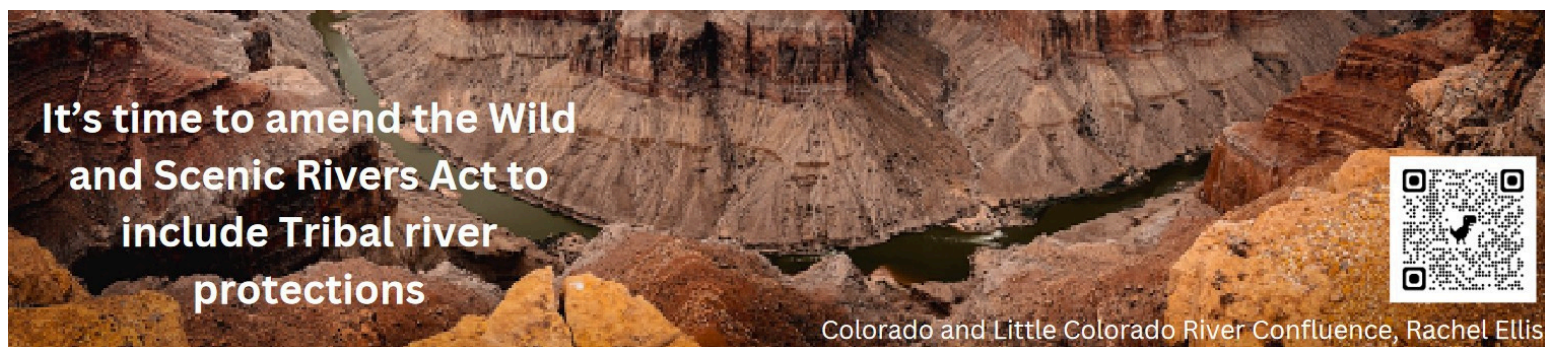


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