

Mason Liddell

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO

Juris Doctor - Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Certificate May 2025

Activities: Colorado Law Animal Legal Defense Fund Founder and President; *Colorado Environmental Law Journal* Vol. 37 Lead Notes Editor; Boss Moot Court Competitor 2023; Legal Writing Tutor.

Honors and Awards: Order of the Coif, ALDF Stacey Gordon Sterling Scholarship Recipient 2024; ALDF Advancement of Animal Law Scholarship Recipient 2023; ALDF Student Chapter of the Year Recipient 2023 & 2024; National Animal Law Competitions Closing Argument Runner-Up 2024.

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, Government and Philosophy Dec. 2021

Member of the James Monroe Scholars Program

WORK EXPERIENCE

1st Judicial District of Colorado, The Honorable Christopher Zenisek, Golden, CO

Judicial Clerk

Aug. 2025

Animal Legal Defense Fund, Remote

Litigation Program Law Clerk

May 2024 – Aug. 2024

- Authored a memo on constitutional causes of action challenging cultivated meat bans.
- Presented a potential litigation strategy for use against slaughterhouses employing child labor.
- Analyzed community-level rights of nature laws for strong procedural rights.

Friends of Animals Wildlife Law Program, Denver, CO

Legal Extern

Jan. 2024 – Apr. 2024

- Researched appeals process with the Endangered Species Act and Administrative Procedure Act.
- Wrote a memo on exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act.
- Drafted a comment for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service about a proposed advisory council.

2nd Judicial District of Colorado, The Honorable Sarah B. Wallace, Denver, CO

Judicial Extern

Sept. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Authored the order on an administrative appeal case about permitting oil and gas extraction.
- Summarized briefs and prepared questions ahead of oral arguments.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Animal Counsel, Boulder, CO

Co-founder and Council Member

March 2025-ongoing

President of the Colorado Law Animal Legal Defense Fund, Boulder, CO

Oct. 2022 – May 2024

- Successfully advocated for Colorado Law to offer classes on wildlife law and animal welfare.
- Led dozens of students through projects writing public comments and drafting legislation.
- Partnered with animal advocates to create volunteer spots for Colorado Law and Denver Law students, generating over 650 hours of pro bono legal work in 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Justice in Colorado: Achieving Animal Plaintiffhood Through the State’s Common Law,” *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*, forthcoming December 2025.
- “Applying the Rights of Nature to the Rights of Animals,” *Colorado Environmental Law Journal*, Volume 37, Issue 2; presented at the 2024 Student Animal Law Conference.
- “Stopping the Slippery Slope: What Happy the Elephant Can Gain from Estrellita the Monkey,” *University of San Francisco Law Review*, Volume 59, Issue 2.
- “Thomson’s Distributive Exemption and Possessed Threats,” *Mudd Journal of Ethics*, 2022, presented at the 2022 Undergraduate Ethics Conference.