

ROBERT J. KLEE

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EDUCATION

YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, New Haven, Connecticut
Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Law & Policy, June 2005
Masters of Environmental Studies in Industrial Environmental Management, June 1999

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, Connecticut
J.D., June 2004. *The Yale Law Journal*, Senior Editor; Yale Environmental Law Association, Officer.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Geology & Environmental Studies, June 1996

EXPERIENCE

YALE SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT 1/2019 – present
YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT
Lecturer. Created and taught courses in energy and environmental law and policy for master's students, law students, and undergraduates. Mentored and provided career guidance for students across Yale.

KLEE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORS, LLC, Woodbridge, CT 6/2019 – present
Principal. Founded a sustainability consulting firm that advises clients on the strategic, legal, and regulatory issues surrounding clean energy deployment, materials management, and supply chain sustainability.

DEPT. OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Hartford, CT 2/2014 – 1/2019
Commissioner. Head of a state agency charged with environmental and energy policy and regulation with 850 full-time staff, 500 seasonal staff, \$160 million annual operating budget, approx. \$500 million to \$1 billion capital budget, 250,000 acres of property, and more than 1,000 buildings, boat launches, and dams. Led state and regional initiatives on waste and recycling transformation, clean energy deployment, climate change mitigation and adaptation, storm response, Long Island Sound spatial planning information, increased access to and investment in parks and open space, technology investments, LEAN process improvements, and strategic planning.

DEPT. OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Hartford, CT 4/2011 – 2/2014
Chief of Staff. Chief operating officer, policy advisor, and legal counselor for a state agency charged with environmental and energy policy and regulation. Directly supervised nine senior managers in areas of policy, planning, communications, government relations, legal, adjudications, human resources, and accounting/finance. Oversaw agency-wide hiring and terminations, labor relations, budgets, and capital bond requests. Served as the agency's primary liaison with the Governor's Legal Counsel, the Deputy Attorney General, and many other state agencies. Managed merger of energy and environment agencies.

EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

- WIGGIN AND DANA, LLP**, New Haven, CT 3/2008 – 4/2011
Litigation Associate. Member of the appellate and complex legal issues, class actions, energy and utilities, and environmental practice groups. Drafted numerous appellate briefs and dispositive motions in state and federal court; argued various dispositive motions in state court; took and defended depositions; conducted direct and cross examinations in arbitration setting.
- YALE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY** 11/2006 – 2/2008
YALE CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY, New Haven, CT
Research Affiliate. Research and writing on environmental law, policy, and technological issues surrounding the U.S., China, and India's future use of coal.
- HON. BARRINGTON D. PARKER, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**, Stamford, CT & New York, NY 9/2005 – 10/2006
Law Clerk.
- HON. MARK R. KRAVITZ, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**, New Haven, CT 9/2004 – 8/2005
Law Clerk.
- YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT 9/2002 – 6/2004
YALE FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, New Haven, CT 1/1998 – 6/2003
Teaching Assistant. Taught sections and occasionally lectured for graduate level courses, including Prof. Daniel C. Esty's Environmental Law & Policy, and Dean Gus Speth's and Prof. James Salzman's International Environmental Law. Coordinator for the Yale Law Environmental Protection Clinic, serving as liaison between student research teams, clients, and clinic director.
- ARNOLD & PORTER**, New York, NY 6/2003 – 9/2003
Summer Associate. Working for noted environmental lawyer Michael Gerrard, researched and analyzed statutory and case law for citizen suits under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and drafted notice letter and complaint on behalf of community group client against a hazardous and radioactive waste facility in their minority neighborhood.
- NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC)**, New York, NY 6/2002 – 1/2003
Legal Intern. Summer and academic-year consulting work for the NRDC's New York Urban Program, performing legal research and writing memoranda on U.S. and international law on extended producer responsibility (mandating that manufacturers take-back waste consumer electronic equipment) and other recycling and solid waste management issues.

BOARDS & COUNCILS

- Audubon Connecticut Board of Directors, Policy Committee Chair (2019-present)
Trust for Public Land, Connecticut Chapter Board of Directors, Member (2019-present)
Woodbridge CT Town Plan & Zoning Commission, Chair (2019-present)
CT Governor's Council on Climate Change, Chair (2015-2019)
CT Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation, Co-Chair of Executive Steering Committee (2014-2019)
CT Green Bank, Vice Chair of Board of Directors (2014-2019)
CT Blue Plan Advisory Committee, Chair (2016-2019)
RecycleCT Foundation, Chair of Board of Directors (2015-2019)
Environmental Council of the States, Region One Representative to the Executive Board (2014-2019)

HONORS & AWARDS

US EPA – Region 1, Ira Leighton in Service to States Award, 2019
Associate World Fellow, Yale World Fellows Program, 2003
Graduate Student Delegate to the International Achievement Summit, Dublin Ireland, 2002
Teresa Heinz Scholar for Environmental Research, 2001-2002
Robert & Patricia Switzer Environmental Fellow, 2001-2002
Yale Club of New Haven Scholarship, 2000-2004
Environmental Research & Education Foundation Scholar, 1999-2002
G. Evelyn Hutchinson Doctoral Research Prize, 2000-2001
Elected to Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, 1996
Princeton University Benjamin F. Howell Class of 1913 Junior Prize in Geology, 1995

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- R.J. Klee, Coronavirus is hitting Connecticut hard. Climate change will strike next, *The Hartford Courant* (Apr. 22, 2020).
- R.J. Klee, Finding hope after the lost decade on climate change, *The Hartford Courant* (Dec. 29, 2019).
- R.J. Klee, Searching for a New Deal on Climate? Part I: Look to the States, *Clean Energy Finance Forum* (October 2019), available at <https://www.cleanenergyfinanceforum.com/2019/10/01/part-i-searching-for-new-deal-on-climate-look-to-the-states>
- R.J. Klee, Searching for a New Deal on Climate? Part II: Setting Climate Targets and Creating Tools to Achieve Them, *Clean Energy Finance Forum* (October 2019), available at <https://www.cleanenergyfinanceforum.com/2019/10/01/part-ii-setting-climate-targets-and-creating-tools-to-achieve-them>
- R.J. Klee, Searching for a New Deal on Climate? Part III: A Modernized, Efficient and Equitable Electric Grid, *Clean Energy Finance Forum* (October 2019), available at <https://www.cleanenergyfinanceforum.com/2019/10/01/part-iii-modernized-efficient-and-equitable-electric-grid>
- R.J. Klee, Searching for a New Deal on Climate? Part IV: Zero-Carbon Transit, *Clean Energy Finance Forum* (October 2019), available at <https://www.cleanenergyfinanceforum.com/2019/10/01/part-iv-zero-carbon-transit>
- R.J. Klee, Searching for a New Deal on Climate? Part V: Building the Low-Carbon Future, *Clean Energy Finance Forum* (October 2019), available at <https://www.cleanenergyfinanceforum.com/2019/10/01/part-v-building-the-low-carbon-future>
- R. J. Klee, *Response to Paris, Policy & the Grid: The Future of Transnational Energy Policy Symposium Paper*, 33(3) CONN. J. INT'L LAW 361-368 (2019).
- R. J. Klee et al., *A Four State Appeal to Keep Tough Air Standards*, DANBURY NEWS-TIMES (April 5, 2018).
- R. J. Klee, *What's Good for School Finance Should be Good for Environmental Justice: Addressing Disparate Environmental Impacts Using State Courts and Constitutions*, 30 COLUM. J. ENVTL. L. 135 (2005).
- R. J. Klee, Note, *Enabling Environmental Sustainability in the United States: The Case for a Material Flow Inventory*, 23 STAN. ENVTL. L.J. 131 (2004).
- R. J. Klee & T.E. Graedel, *Elemental Cycles: Human or Natural Dominance*, 29 ANN. REV. OF ENV'T & RESOURCES (2004).
- T. E. Graedel & R. J. Klee, *Getting Serious About Sustainability*, 36 ENVTL. SCI. & TECH. 523 (2002).
- T. E. Graedel & R. J. Klee, *Industrial & Urban Metabolism*, in ENCYCL. GLOBAL ENV'T'L CHANGE (2001).
- R. J. Klee, *Industrial Metabolism on Ice*, 31 J. ROYAL SOC'Y N.Z. 393 (2001).
- R. J. Klee, *Zero Waste System in Paradise*, 40 BICYCLE 66 (1999).
- R.J. Klee, Ph.D. Dissertation, *Measuring Sustainability Through Materials Flow Analysis of Industrial Systems in Antarctica* (2005).
- R.J. Klee, Masters Thesis, *Industrial Metabolism on Ice: A Case Study of New Zealand's Antarctic Research Station* (1999).

Numerous professional presentations on Connecticut's environmental & energy policy for government, academic, and industry audiences in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and California.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Connecticut, New York

INTERESTS

Family, gardening, sea kayaking, hiking & camping, cooking, geology, travel, golf, tennis.