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### **Education**

J.D. University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA  
A.B. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

### **Member in Good Standing: Georgia Bar**

### **Employment**

#### **Endowed Chair for Marine Policy and Law**

Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi,  
December 2022 – Present

Legal expert on a broad range of statutory, regulatory, and policy issues related to Gulf of Mexico, including drafting legal memoranda on federal laws related to mariculture, fishery management, energy development, protected species, and habitat conservation

#### **Senior Research Counsel** Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS, June 2017 – November 2022

- Co-PI on \$6.49 million grant for second-longest living shoreline in Mississippi; convened team of state, local, and federal government representatives to collaborate on proposal with non-governmental organizations
- Researched and wrote comprehensive *Guide to Fishery Management*, an online resource explaining the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and related laws
- Designed, edited, managed quarterly web publication, *Water Log*. Recent editions feature energy development, coastal resilience, law enforcement, and environmental justice in the Gulf of Mexico. Serves as a reliable reference on issues related to the Gulf Coast
- Collaborated with city employees across Alabama and Mississippi on multiple projects, including stormwater protection, green infrastructure, and debris, helping to target environmental issues by revising ordinances
- Advised on permitting issues with group seeking first commercial finfish mariculture operation in the Gulf of Mexico
- Performed multiple studies on invasive species including statutory and regulatory reviews; conducted a state-wide survey on aquatic invasive species funded by the State of Mississippi

**Legal Writer/Editor**, LexisNexis, Matthew Bender, October 2015 – Present

- Co-author, *California Insurance Law & Practice*. Research and write updates for *The Law of Hazardous Waste* and *Hydraulic Fracturing Law and Practice*, analyzing federal and state case law, statutory, and regulatory changes; ensuring that analyses are legally correct

**Legislative Attorney**, Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C., January 2007 – June 2015

- Served as senior legal expert for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) on natural resources, including the foundational and regulatory authorities for all federal land management agencies; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and wildlife protection statutes such as the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the International Whaling Convention, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Produced comprehensive written portfolio of authoritative, objective memoranda and reports in response to high-level Congressional inquiries on dozens of statutes. Produced reports on issues of first impression and of national significance such as the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico
- Performed detailed, non-partisan analyses of federal agencies' interpretations of their authorizing and program-related statutes to meet tight deadlines. Memoranda include issues related to marine sanctuaries; the Submerged Lands Act; subsistence, indigenous, and aboriginal rights under federal lands and wildlife laws; wildlife conflicts with energy development on federal lands; Corps of Engineers issues related to irrigation, drought, and flooding in the Gulf of Mexico; and NEPA, ESA, and MMPA requirements for federal agencies
- Made presentations to senior representatives at stakeholder meetings, including meetings with Congressional Members on NEPA and natural resource laws, Members of the Parliament of Uganda on energy development, and Members of the United Nations Environmental Programme on international treaties protecting species
- Synthesized large amounts of information on a timely basis in consultation with agency staff and other experts to coordinate policy and draft innovative legislative proposals to advance agencies' organizational missions
- Testified before Congress on wildlife trade under the Lacey Act. CRS used a recording of testimony for training
- Received performance awards for written products and oral presentations on environmental law issues including seminars

**Environmental Specialist**, Arnold & Porter, LLP, New York, NY, December 2002 – January 2007

- Served as writer and contributing editor for LexisNexis Matthew Bender environmental publications: *The Environmental Law Practice Guide*, *Brownfields Law and Practice*, *Environmental Impact Review in New York*, and the monthly legal publication, *Environmental Law in New York*

- Performed in-depth legal research involving analyses of federal and state environmental cases, including examining significant cases on all federal pollution statutes
- Published legal articles and chapters on conservation, land use management, and site remediation

## **Relevant Publications**

Kristina Alexander, *Guide to Fishery Management*, MASGLP

Lauren Wilson, Kristina Alexander, *Balancing Shrimp Production with Sea Turtle Protection*, Third Coast Lines 1:2 (July/August 2023)

Kristina Alexander, *Port of Corpus Christi Desalination: Pros & Controversy*, Third Coast Lines 1:1 (May/June 2023)

Kristina Alexander, *Wildlife Permits for Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico*, Water Log 41:4 (Dec. 2021)

Kristina Alexander, *Executive Orders Renew Focus on Environmental Justice*, Water Log 41:3 (Sept. 2021)

Liya Abera, Cristiane Surbeck, Kristina Alexander, *Evaluating the effect of city ordinances on the implementation and performance of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)*, *Env'tl Challenges*, Vol. 4 (Elsevier Aug. 2021)

Kristina Alexander, *Bye-Bye Birdy? How the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Works*, Water Log 41:2 (June 2021)

Kristina Alexander, *Federal Fishery Management*, Water Log 40:4 (Dec. 2020)

Kristina Alexander, *The Law of the Turtle*, Water Log 40:2 (June 2020)

Kristina Alexander, *Can Lawsuits Stop Harmful Algal Blooms?*, Water Log 39:4 (Dec. 2019)

Kristina Alexander, *Regulation of Medical Waste*, *Law of Hazardous Waste*, Ch. 11, LexisNexis/Matthew Bender Publications (2019) (rewritten and updated)

Kristina Alexander, *The Laws and Lawlessness that Make Up Illegal Fishing*, Water Log 39:3 (Sept. 2019)

Kristina Alexander, *Deep Sea Drilling Showdown May Be on State Turf*, ABA Marine Resources Newsletter (Jan. 23, 2019)

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Kristina Alexander, *California Insurance Law & Practice*, LexisNexis/Matthew Bender Publications (June 2023 – most recent update)

Kristina Alexander, *Go Fish: A Setback in Finfish Aquaculture in the Gulf*, Water Log 38:4 (Dec. 2018).

Kristina Alexander, *The Temptation of Red Snapper*, Water Log 38:2 (June 2018).

Kristina Alexander, *Small Critter, Big Problem: Protecting the Pearl River Map Turtle in Mississippi*, 48 ELR 10200 (March 2018)

- Chosen by the publisher as article of the month

### **Selected Congressional Reports:**

Kristina Alexander, *The 2010 Oil Spill: Minerals Management Service (MMS) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)* (R41265)

- cited by Mike Soraghan, "Enviro Groups Ignored Gulf Before BP Disaster," *Bloomberg Greenwire* (Sept. 17, 2010)

Kristina Alexander, Ross W. Gorte, *Federal Land Ownership: Constitutional Authority and the History of Acquisition, Disposal, and Retention* (34267)

- cited by Michelle Ye Hee Lee, "Ben Carson's Claims that the Federal Government Should 'Return' Public Land to States," *The Washington Post* (Dec. 1, 2015)

Kristina Alexander, *The 2010 Oil Spill: Natural Resource Damage Assessment under the Oil Pollution Act* (R41396)

- contacted by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution requesting permission to use the report for training

Kristina Alexander, *The 2010 Oil Spill: Criminal Liability Under Wildlife Laws* (R41308)

Kristina Alexander, *The International Whaling Convention and Legal Issues Related to Aboriginal Rights* (R40571)

Kristina Alexander, *Whales and Sonar: Environmental Exemptions for the Navy's Mid-Frequency Active Sonar Training* (R34403)

Nic Lane, Kristina Alexander, Eugene H. Buck, *Endangered Species Act and Legal Issues Related to Columbia Basin Salmon and Steelhead*

Kristina Alexander, *Does the Endangered Species Act Listing Provide More Protection of the Polar Bear?* (RL34573)

Kristina Alexander, *The Endangered Species Act (ESA) as Implementing Legislation for International Treaties* (R42447)

Kristina Alexander, *A Section 106 Review under the National Historic Preservation Act: How It Works* (R42538)

Nicole T. Carter, et al., *Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Drought: Federal Reservoir and Species Management* (RL34250)

Kristina Alexander, *Injurious Species Listings Under the Lacey Act: A Legal Briefing* (RL43170)

Kristina Alexander, Katie Hoover, *Wilderness Laws: Statutory Provisions and Prohibited and Permitted Uses* (R41649)

Carol Hardy Vincent, Kristina Alexander, *National Monuments and the Antiquities Act* (R41330)

Kristina Alexander, et al. *Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting on Federal Lands: H.R. 4089 and Related Laws* (R42569)

Kristina Alexander, Ross Gorte, *National Forest System (NFS) Roadless Area Initiatives* (RL30647)

Kristina Alexander, M. Lynne Corn, *Sage Grouse and the Endangered Species Act* (R40865)

Kristina Alexander, M. Lynne Corn, *Gray Wolves under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): Distinct Population Segments and Experimental Populations* (RL34238)

Kristina Alexander, *The Lacey Act: Protecting the Environment by Restricting Trade* (R42067)

M. Lynne Corn, Michael Ratner, Kristina Alexander, *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR): A Primer for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress* (RL33872)

Laura B. Comay, Carol Hardy Vincent, Kristina Alexander, *Motorized Recreation on National Park Service Lands* (R42955)

Kristina Alexander, *Administrative Appeals in the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service* (R40131)