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There and Back Again

by Adell L. Amos

For the past two years, I served in the Department of the Interior as deputy solicitor for land and water resources, coordinating and overseeing all the legal work in the department on water issues and many conservation-based public lands issues.

I have returned to my home here at Oregon Law feeling rejuvenated and excited to share new perspectives on some of our most difficult natural resource conflicts. My experience in D.C. provided a clear reminder about

the role of lawyers in guiding and crafting policy, navigating conflicts, and reaching resolutions in a highly charged and sometimes discordant system.

As a political appointee, I provided legal and policy advice to the secretary of the interior, the deputy secretary, and other assistant secretaries and bureau directors. I supervised attorneys across the country and in Washington, D.C., who work on issues for the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It was an absolute professional and personal thrill to work at that level on issues that I teach, write and care so deeply about.

In this high-stakes and demanding environment, the focus for lawyers was on delivering high-quality, succinct, and substantively attuned legal advice. I will certainly bring back to the classroom a renewed commitment to the importance of teaching new lawyers how to be influential and effective on the issues

they care about, rather than simply how to answer questions about a case in class. Frankly, that is the easy part. Learning to apply that knowledge and assess the relative risk and outcomes

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of various policy approaches is the difficult task that lawyers are uniquely situated to offer. An effective lawyer in the national policy arena must be able to absorb and synthesize large quantities of information; build an analytical framework that assists a decision-maker; show how the law is a tool for implementing policy goals; and avoid, and hopefully survive, legal and political challenges. I am coming back to the classroom hoping to integrate this kind of intellectual training and skill development into legal education.

While nothing can compare to the opportunity I had to serve in the Obama administration and to work directly on the issues that are important to me, my time away also confirmed that my long-term professional home remains in legal education—and at Oregon Law. Even

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though I have taken on new challenges as the associate dean for academic affairs, I will still teach Water Law and Administrative Law—the perfect classes as I return from the capitol. As my colleagues back in D.C. can attest, I can't wait to get back into the

classroom and back to my research with a new level of energy to help students become strong advocates and agents for change. I am more convinced than ever that a law degree represents one of the most powerful tools you can apply on behalf of the people and issues you care about.

Adell L. Amos is associate dean for academic affairs and an associate professor in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. Amos returned to the School of Law in 2011 after serving in Washington, D.C., for two years as deputy solicitor for land and water resources in the Department of the Interior.

Message from the Director

by Heather Brinton

What a year! This newsletter is brimming with story after story about the accomplishments of Oregon Law faculty members, students, and alumni and the vibrancy of our Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program.

Building off of the academic strengths of the University of Oregon, the ENR Program is developing new concurrent

degree programs, externship opportunities, and interdisciplinary study and research.

Our faculty members continue to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in scholarship, classroom teaching, and public service. For his “passionate commitment to justice, fairness, openness, and participation,” Professor John Bonine received

the University of Oregon’s 2011 Wayne T. Westling Award for University Leadership and Service. Professor Richard Hildreth continues to serve as a member of the Department of the Interior’s Outer Continental Shelf Scientific Committee, analyzing coastal and marine spatial planning, offshore renewable energy, and follow-up research on the environmental, social, and economic impacts of the BP deep-water

drilling spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Over the summer, the International Union for Conservation of Nature honored Professor Svitlana Kravchenko with the Academy of Environmental Law Senior Scholarship Prize.

Because of her expertise on tax and environmental law policy, Professor Roberta Mann was selected by the National Academy of Sciences to serve on a panel of experts to perform a “carbon audit” of the Internal Revenue Code, as mandated by the 2008 Energy Independence and Security Act. Professor Mary Wood’s cutting-edge legal scholarship on the public trust doctrine spurred an international movement led by youth challenging government’s failure to address the climate crisis.

Finally, we welcome the return of Associate Professor Adell Amos. After serving in the Obama administration for two years, we are thrilled to have her back in her new role as the associate dean for academic affairs.

Next year promises to be both exciting and reflective. It’s been twenty-five years since Oregon students, supported by faculty advisors Michael Axline and Chapin Clark, published the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*. After being recognized by the American Bar Association’s Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources as the Law Student Program of the Year, our students, for the thirtieth time, are organizing this year’s Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

While our environmental circumstances have only grown more dire, there has never been more optimism and stronger commitment in the Bowerman Center for Environmental Law. Building off of the legacy of those who have gone before us, we are unified in our dedication to engage the law to support sustainability on earth.

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Faculty Profile: Svitlana Kravchenko

Professor Svitlana Kravchenko, director of the University of Oregon School of Law's Master of Laws Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, was honored with the Senior Scholarship Prize from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law. The award was announced at the academy's Ninth Annual International Colloquium, held in Eastern Cape, South Africa, July 4-7. The prize recognizes excellence in research, articles, and books produced during the past five years, as well as contributions to the academy's goals. The criteria for the award included the originality, intellectual influence, and international significance of Kravchenko's publications in environmental law.

In accepting the award, Kravchenko sent a message noting, "We face a world of onrushing disaster, fueled by carbon and greed. We also face a world that still contains great beauty and that is populated by humans capable of great acts of generosity." She urged other scholars to move society "toward beauty and generosity."

"I am deeply honored by your selection of me as the IUCN Academy Senior Scholar," Kravchenko told the academy



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want to shape the future through our scholarship and through our discussions with others, both young and old. We become more alive through our contact with the young, through our mentoring, and through our debates of ideas with each other. We become proud seeing our students' own growth and achievements, during and after their time with us."

Kravchenko is the author of twelve books and numerous scholarly articles and book chapters. She taught environmental law for more than twenty-five years at Lviv Polytechnic National University, Ukraine, before moving to the United States and joining the UO School of Law. She worked as a "citizen diplomat" in the international negotiation of the Aarhus Convention, and she serves as an elected member and vice chair of its Compliance Committee. Previously she was an advisor for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine as well as Ukraine's parliament. She is the founder and serves as president of Environment-People-Law, the first public interest environmental law firm in Ukraine. She is also cofounder and codirector of the Association of Environmental Law of Central and Eastern Europe.

Distinguished Visitors, 2010-11

Prominent climate scientist **James E. Hansen**, adjunct professor at Columbia



University in New York and director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, presented "Global Warming Time Bomb: How to Avert Disaster" on October 16, 2010, at the UO School of Law.

Larry Echo Hawk, assistant secretary of the interior for Indian affairs, presented



"We Must Be Wise Stewards of the Sacred Land" on November 17, 2010, at the Fourth Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture at the UO School of Law. This annual lecture honors the former UO School of Law dean and Native American scholar Rennard Strickland and examines native leadership and vision for environmental stewardship in the twenty-first century.

Gus Speth, academic expert on environmental law and a professor at



Vermont Law School who served as an advisor to former presidents Carter and Clinton, presented "Why Environmental Law Can't Solve Environmental Problems" at the UO School of Law on April 5, 2011. This event was cosponsored by the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program and the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Oregon.

ENR Program Projects and Fellows

Led by faculty members and program administrators with expertise in the area and staffed by student fellows, ENR's six interdisciplinary projects provide research, analysis, and innovative solutions.

Conservation Trust Project

Focusing on public trust theory and private property tools to achieve landscape conservation.

The fellows for the Conservation Trust Project evaluated current trends in the national land trust movement and helped facilitate a number of relevant panels at this year's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

Energy Law and Policy Project

Exploring innovative law and policy to promote a green-energy future.

The Energy Law and Policy Project performed focused legal research on national and state energy issues. Brower Fellow Sam Roberts researched state and federal energy regulatory matters with a focus on the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Roberts also evaluated community solar development's compliance with state and federal securities law. Bowerman Fellow Yochanan Zakai researched preemption issues surrounding the implementation of feed-in tariffs in the United States.

Global Environmental Democracy Project

Preparing students to be advocates for global change.

The Global Environmental Democracy Project (GEDP) organized several events focused on international environmental issues.

The project hosted a fall workshop on atmospheric trust litigation. Conceptualized by Professor Mary C. Wood,

the workshop applied the public trust doctrine to protecting the atmosphere in light of the climate crisis. GEDP also organized the "Global Warming Time Bomb: How to Avert Disaster" conference with Professor James Hansen.

Bowerman Fellow John Mellgren evaluated courts' applications of the public trust doctrine across all fifty states.

Native Environmental Sovereignty Project

Examining emerging tribal roles in comanaging lands and resources.

The Native Environmental Sovereignty Project (NESP) organized the fourth annual Rennard Strickland Lecture. Honoring the former UO School of Law dean and Native American scholar, the Rennard Strickland Lecture examines native leadership and vision for environmental stewardship in the twenty-first century. This year, Larry Echo Hawk, assistant secretary for Indian affairs for the Department of the

Interior, presented "We Must Be Wise Stewards of the Sacred Land."

Oceans, Coasts, and Watersheds Project

Employing the law to promote sustainability for ocean, coastal, and freshwater resources.

The Oceans, Coasts, and Watersheds Project hosted the second annual Northwest Water Law Symposium at the University of Oregon in Portland's White Stag Building. Organized with other Northwest law schools, the symposium explored a variety of topics that affect the Pacific Northwest including ballast water permission, the state of our oceans, enforcement, tribal rights, and more.

Bowerman Fellow Holly Jacobson researched legal mechanisms under national and international law to address ocean acidification.

Sustainable Land Use Project

Evaluating land-use laws, theories, and practices to ensure sustainable development in our communities.

The fellows for the Sustainable Land Use Project worked closely with the University of Oregon's Sustainable



The Indigenous Peoples' Reception, organized by NESP fellows each year, was held at the Many Nations Longhouse with traditional Northwest Native American food.



Bowerman and David Brower Fellows: John Mellgren, Sam Roberts, Holly Jacobson, and Yochanan Zakai.

Cities Initiative. The initiative is a cross-disciplinary program seeking to promote the design and development of sustainable cities, from planning to building design. Project fellows provided legal research related to renewable energy legislation, eco-districts, federal transportation legislation, and the federal office of sustainability.

For a list of publications and events for each project and more information on our fellows, visit enr.uoregon.edu/projects.

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Bowerman, Brower, Chapin Clark, and Dean's Distinguished Fellows

Because of generous donor support, the ENR Program provided six paid stipends to fellows to further their project work. The 2010–11 Bowerman, David Brower, Chapin Clark and Dean's Distinguished Fellows worked on project programming and researched the public trust doctrine, Oregon energy regulatory decision-making, securities issues with community solar development projects, ocean acidification, and federal preemption of state feed-in tariffs.

This year's recipients, including our first Sustainable Cities Fellow, will focus on the issue of forum non conveniens and its effect on foreign plaintiffs' claims against United States corporations; the consistency of Oregon's transportation planning rule with Oregon's statewide planning goals; bicycle and pedestrian connections in suburban multifamily housing; and state's efforts at campaign finance reform.

If you are interested in learning how you can support ENR's interdisciplinary projects and fellows program, please contact Heather Brinton at hbrinton@uoregon.edu.

ENR Fellows

Our thanks to the 2010–11 fellows:

Conservation Trust—Dae Ho Kim

Energy Law and Policy—

Molly Fales, Samuel Roberts (Brower Fellow), Yochanan Zakai (Bowerman Fellow)

Global Environmental

Democracy—Elizabeth Brown

(Chapin Clark Fellow), Emily Follansbee, Vannia Glasinovic, John Mellgren, Jason Nelson-Elting (Dean's Distinguished Fellow)

Native Environmental

Sovereignty—Bridget Budbill, Christopher Cooney

Oceans, Coasts, and

Watersheds—Holly Jacobson

(Bowerman Fellow), Scott Marcinkus

Sustainable Land Use—

Jessica Bloomfield, Carley Dirks, Ty Tosdal, Christine Zeller-Powell

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Energy Law and Policy—

Molly Fales, Andrae Washington, Yochanan Zakai

Global Environmental

Democracy—Emily Follansbee

(Bowerman Fellow), Laura Horton, Anna Makowski, Andrew Naras (Bowerman Fellow)

Native Environmental

Sovereignty—Christopher

Cooney, Amanda Rogerson (Dean's Distinguished Fellow), Joe Bushyhead

Oceans, Coasts, and

Watersheds—Margaret Townsend,

Rachel Lipinski

Sustainable Land Use—Jessica

Bloomfield, Jason Nelson-Elting (Bowerman Fellow), Lauren King (Sustainable Cities Fellow), Michele Peterson, Katherine McFerson



PIELC: Turning the Tides: Creating a Clean and Green Future



Humberto Rios Labrada, 29th Annual PIELC guest speaker and recipient of the 2010 Islands and Island Nations winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize.

by *Nadia Dahab*

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) took place from March 3 through March 6, 2011. Environmental advocates from across the globe once again attended this year's conference, further contributing to the free exchange of ideas and energy generated at each and every year's con-

ference. On its final day, Jeremy Wates and Vandana Shiva delivered the closing keynote addresses. An audience of more than 500 individuals packed the School of Law lecture hall and overflow rooms for the event. Throughout the weekend, more than 2,000 lawyers, activists, scientists, and community members attended the conference sessions, panels, and keynotes. In June, PIELC 2011 was named the 2011 Law



Student Environment, Energy, and Resources Program of the Year by the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources.

This award acknowledges the tremendous support that PIELC receives each year from the environmental community, dedicated student volunteers, and passionate conference attendees. PIELC organizers, on behalf of the entire environmental community, thank these individuals for their support.

If you are interested in attending or participating in the Thirtieth Annual PIELC, scheduled for March 1–4, 2012, please visit www.pielc.org.

Nadia Dahab is a third-year law student at the University of Oregon School of Law. As a second-year law student, she served as treasurer of Land, Air, Water and the 2011 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference. Nadia is a registered professional engineer, serves as the 2011–12 editor in chief of Oregon Law Review, and will be clerking for the Honorable Rives Kistler of the Oregon Supreme Court after her graduation in 2012.



Carl Safina, 29th Annual PIELC guest speaker and cofounder and president of Blue Ocean Institute.

Congratulations, PIELC, Law Student Program of the Year for ABA's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

by Kelly Sherbo

Each year, the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources of the American Bar Association takes nominations for the Law Student Program of the Year Award. This year, the section has chosen the 2011 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, "Turning the Tides: Creating a Clean and Green Future," to receive the award. The award is given in recognition of the best student-organized educational program or public

service project of the year focusing on the fields of environmental, energy, or natural resources law. It was awarded in August at the 2011 ABA annual meeting in Toronto.

The conference will mark its thirtieth year in 2012, growing from just fifteen speakers and seventy-five participants in its inaugural year to more than 2,000



attendees participating in four days of 125 panels, workshops, and presentations. PIELC is organized entirely by the efforts of student volunteers and has hosted distinguished keynote speakers such as Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Ralph Nader, David Brower, Terry Tempest Williams, Winona LaDuke, and others. The 2012 PIELC will be held March 1-4, 2012, at the University of Oregon.

The David Brower and Kerry Rydberg Awards

Two very deserving and distinguished activists received the prestigious David Brower and Kerry Rydberg awards at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference this year.

The Kerry Rydberg Award recognizes achievements in grass-roots environmental law. The award is named in honor of a 1987 School of Law graduate who was dedicated to public interest law until a tragic automobile accident prematurely ended his life. The Kerry Rydberg Award was presented to Sharon Duggan, a long-time public interest environmental attorney in California. Duggan is a staff attorney for the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) where she provides overall direction for its judicial actions and takes the lead on most of its cases. She has practiced environmental law since 1982, with an emphasis on forestry regulation and natural resources law, representing citizen groups in any number of state and federal court actions to protect forests, fish and wildlife,

and water. Duggan is responsible for several published opinions providing this protection. In 2008, she argued EPIC's successful challenge of the permits granted by California agencies to the Pacific Lumber Company under the Headwaters Deal in the California

ment Award honors an individual who embodies the values of David Brower and who has dedicated his or her life to environmental activism. The 2011 recipient of this award was Jeremy Wates, who currently serves as secretary general of the European



Sharon Duggan, recipient of the Kerry Rydberg Award, is a long-time public interest environmental attorney and is a staff attorney for the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC).

Supreme Court. In 2005, Duggan also coauthored the Solano Press publication *Guide to the California Forest Practice Act and Related Laws*.

The David Brower Lifetime Achieve-

Environmental Bureau, which works with member organizations to find solutions for reducing Europe's ecological footprint. Prior to his work with the bureau, Wates was a secretariat to the Aarhus Convention with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for more than ten years. He was also a campaign leader for the European Environmental Citizens' Organizations (ECO) Forum to persuade governments to initiate work on an environmental democracy treaty, and he founded Earthwatch in Ireland in the 1980s. Wates has made a conscious effort to reduce his personal ecological footprint, and his spirit, enthusiasm, and environmental accomplishments made him an excellent choice for the award.

ENR Alumni Update

LEAH COGSWELL

Leah Cogswell, JD '09, is finishing her second and final year as a Presidential Management Fellow in Washington, D.C., where she serves as a project manager in the appliance standards program in the Department of Energy. This office



Leah Cogswell

develops minimum energy standards for residential appliances and commercial equipment. Though her position as a project manager focuses on enforcement of these standards, Cogswell has also been involved in efforts to strengthen U.S. standards, find potential violators, and ensure consumers are getting what they pay for.

ERIN FAIR

Erin Fair, JD '08, attended law school intending to pursue a career in health law and policy. She now serves as senior manager of state and federal regulatory policy at CareOregon, the state's largest Medicaid-managed care organization. Fair is involved in redesigning Oregon's health-care delivery system to keep people healthy, reduce the cost of care, and maintain access to health-care services for Oregon's most vulnerable populations in the face of staggering state and federal budget cuts. In



Erin Fair

addition, Erin works with state policymakers to plan for and implement federal health reform provisions from last year's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. During the 2009 and 2011 sessions of the Oregon State Legislative Assembly, Fair had an active role in developing groundbreaking legislation to overhaul Oregon's health-care system. Although tracking the rapidly changing health policy landscape keeps her busy, Erin still takes time to enjoy the outdoor beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

JASON HARTZ

Jason Hartz, JD '06, recently moved from Washington, D.C., back to Anchorage, Alaska, his hometown. Jason and his wife, Laura Hartz, JD '05, moved to Washington, D.C., in 2007 when Jason started work in the Department of the Interior's



Jason Hartz

Office of the Solicitor. Jason began his tenure at the department working on Indian water rights issues in the Water and Power Branch of the Division of Indian Affairs. Jason continues in this position and primarily works on legal issues that arise in the implementation of congressionally enacted Indian water rights settlements. Jason's relocation to the west coast allows him to better interact with the numerous federal, Indian, and non-Indian entities that participate in the negotiated settlements of Indian water rights. Laura works for the State of Alaska Department of Law prosecuting civil child abuse and neglect.

JUNA HICKNER

Juna Hickner serves as the state-federal relations coordinator for Oregon's Coastal Management Program. She is the state's primary point of contact with federal agencies to ensure that federal licenses, permits, or projects affecting the coastal zone are consistent with Oregon's Coastal Management Program. Juna provides policy advice and technical assistance to applicants, federal and state agencies, and local governments for coastal projects requiring federal and state approvals.

JOHN-MICHAEL PARTESOTTI

For the past two years, John-Michael Partesotti, JD '09, has been working for a nonprofit organization, DNA-People's Legal Services. Partesotti manages a six-person office in Chinle, Arizona,



John-Michael Paresotti

on the Navajo Nation. His work primarily consists of protecting families through guardianships, protection orders, divorce decrees, and other means. He also protects the assets of the low-income people in his community by reviewing contracts for unfair and deceptive practices and by resolving tax problems with the IRS. The services of DNA are often the only access that indigent people in that remote area of the reservation have to legal justice. As a law student prior to his current work with DNA, Partesotti had interned at DNA's headquarters in Window Rock, Arizona.



Alumni Profile: Naomi Rowden

Naomi Rowden graduated this year with a law degree and a master's degree in conflict and dispute resolution. Throughout her academic career with the UO School of Law she has been involved in many leadership activities, including two years as an ENR Native Environment Sovereignty Project Fellow, President of the Native American Law Student Association, and as a finalist in the federal Presidential

Management Fellows Program. As a result of the Presidential Management Fellows Program, Naomi has accepted a position in Washington, D.C., with the Office of Inspector General at the Environmental Protection Agency as a program analyst. She will be part of a team that performs evaluations and audits of EPA programs to ensure goals and standards are being met.



Student Profile: Jessica Bloomfield

by Kelly Sherbo



Jessica Bloomfield is pursuing both a JD and a master of community and regional planning degree from UO's Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management. Jessica hopes to use her education to pursue a career in sustainable land use and transportation policy to enhance the built and natural environments through out the U.S.

Part of what initially brought Jessica to the University of Oregon from the east coast (Jessica has a bachelor's degree in architecture from Tufts University) was the UO's Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI). Jessica was attracted to SCI's fundamental value of teaching sustainability across a multitude of disciplines and through a service-learning educational model where she would work on real projects and solve tangible problems in Oregon cities. No other graduate program offered a similar opportunity for her to combine her interests in law, policy, and urban planning.

In the fall of 2010, Jessica started working as a graduate research fellow for SCI and as a Sustainable Land Use Fellow. "This mutually beneficial arrangement between the law school and SCI has been an important aspect of my work in both arenas," says Jessica, "and an important link to encourage the conversation about sustainable policies that enhance the urban environment and protect our natural resources." Jessica has used her summer breaks to gain practical experience in her chosen field.

In the summer of 2010, Jessica split her time working for the city manager's office in Eugene (helping to rewrite their municipal code on certain land-use provisions) and the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Portland, Oregon. Jessica spent this past summer working in the office of the Metro attorney. Metro is Portland's nationally renowned elected regional government that guides land-use and transportation planning, manages parks and natural areas, oversees urban development planning, and promotes sustainability throughout the region.

Jessica tracked and reported on federal legislation and policy initiatives relating to sustainability, livability, and transportation funding; wrote and applied for federal grants and national awards (many of which were successful); and hosted nationally renowned speakers and planned related events to engage students and expand the conversation about sustainability.

Her passion and expertise has been affecting sustainability initiatives here at the university, in Oregon, and across the nation. Through her work with SCI, Jessica had the opportunity to meet and interact with numerous state and federal political leaders, including Congressmen Earl Blumenauer (Portland) and Peter DeFazio (Eugene); Ray LaHood, secretary of transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation; Shelly Poticha, senior advisor for sustainable housing and communities, HUD; Gabe Klein, Chicago's transportation commissioner; and many other local leaders at the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon cities and counties, and numerous nonprofit and private organizations that are also in the business of promoting sustainability. "Interacting with such influential and accomplished professionals has been the most rewarding part of my experience with SCI," says Jessica.

Recently, Jessica was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the Women's Transportation Seminar (Portland Chapter) in recognition of her leadership in issues of livability from a joint perspective of the Sustainable Cities Initiative, law, and planning.

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