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### **Academic Experience**

**Current research interests:** Sustainable development, energy justice/energy access, energy policy, water law and policy, Native American law and policy, and natural resource management.

**Recent publications:** Jason Aamodt, The Role of Conjunctive Management in Sustainable Development, *in Delivering Energy Policy in the EU and US: A Multi-Disciplinary Reader* (Edinburgh Univ. Press 2015); Jason B. Aamodt, Using Appropriate Sustainable Energy Technologies (ASETS) to Promote Access to Energy for the Other Third, *in International Energy Development, the Emerging Contours* (Routledge 2015) (Invited to provide chapter); Jason Aamodt and Chen Wenqin, *Can the Chinese Biogas Experience Shed Light on the Future of Sustainable Energy Development?*, 42 *Denver J. Int'l Law & Pol.* 427 (2014).

**Assistant Dean for Online Legal Education**, The University of Tulsa, College of Law (1/2013-2/2016)

Managed the online education program at TU Law. Increased enrollments; guided program into positive revenue from deficit; designed curriculum, recruited faculty, developed policies, and organized administrative systems. Raised funds for the Worcester Sovereignty Project. Raised scholarship funds for the online students. Developed a widely attended symposia series: the *Oklahoma Environmental Agencies Roundtable*. Created a new online radio show/podcast, *Answers in Energy*; guests include Ambassador Giner-Reichl, Montana Governor Bullock, Oklahoma (former) Governor Walters, Russell Gold (Wall Street Journal), Steven Solomon (Atlantic Monthly), Steven Taylor (Wells Fargo), Al Armendariz (Sierra Club), Mark Safty (Wirth Chair in Sustainable Development at CU-Denver), Stuart Solomon (COO of AEP/PSO), and Zachary Hamilla, Principal Analyst, Office of Navy Intelligence.

**Adjunct Professor**, The University of Tulsa, College of Law (2009-present)

**Teaching assignments:**

**International Environmental Law** (2009-present): The course is divided into three parts, focusing first on environmental policy, then public international law, and is completed with a moot court exercise.

**Environmental Law** (2015): Taught the classic introductory Environmental Law class focusing on the application of the major statutory frameworks and the different decision making processes they require.

**Water Law** (2011-2012): This course is divided into two parts, with the first part covering the substantive issues, including riparian and appropriation doctrines, groundwater law, water organizations, interstate allocation, federal rights, and Indian rights. The second part of the course is a moot administrative proceeding, followed by a moot judicial appeal.

**Water Law and Water Rights** (2014 – present): This course, taught entirely online, surveys the sources and operation of public and private water supplies, major legal systems for allocating surface water and groundwater, the nature of disputes over water, reserved water rights, and the public trust doctrine. The course focuses on Indian Water Rights, energy and mining.

Helped develop **Renewable Energy Law**, the **Financial Regulation of Energy Markets**, **Oil & Gas Law**, and **Energy and Indian Land Title**, which are all taught online at TU Law.

**Research Fellow**, The National Energy - Environment Law and Policy Institute at the University of Tulsa College of Law (Sept. 1996 – Dec. 1999).

Revised, drafted, and researched three scholarly books and articles concerning International Environmental Law, the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade, biological diversity, domestic energy and natural resource law and policy, and radiation and human health policy issues (see “Publications, below”). Developed and implemented a successful luncheon symposium series; assisted and participated in three widely attended national conferences. Developed and completed funded research relating to environmental issues in the natural gas industry and Native American environmental jurisdiction.

**Instructor**, University of Oklahoma School of Graduate Studies (1999).

**Teaching assignments:**

**Environmental Law** (1999): Taught graduate and undergraduate science (BS/MS) students the basic structure of the American legal system, the basic elements of certain federal environmental laws, how to distill and understand statutes, regulations and case law, and the role of science in environmental law. .

**Legal Writing Instructor**, The University of Tulsa College of Law (1997 – 1998).

**Teaching assignments:**

**Legal Research and Writing** (1997 – 1998): Participated on a committee that overhauled the research and writing curriculum to create more intensive learning opportunities. Team-taught first year law students legal research and writing using a problem-oriented method.

**Education**

**Juris Doctor** — University of Tulsa College of Law (1996)

- Executive Notes and Comments Editor, The Energy Law Journal (1996);
- Executive Editor, American Bar Association, The Year in Review: Resources Energy and Environmental Law (1996);
- Awarded the Resource Energy & Environmental Law Certificate;
- Oralist Award for the 1996 Pace University National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition;
- CALI Excellence in Academics Award (1996).

**Bachelor of Science** — State University of New York at Plattsburgh (1993)

Chemistry, Environmental Science (Double Major) and Ecology (Minor).

## Publications

Jason Aamodt, The Role of Conjunctive Management in Sustainable Development, *in Delivering Energy Policy in the EU and US: A Multi-Disciplinary Reader* (Edinburgh Univ. Press 2015) (peer reviewed, accepted after review without modification).

Jason B. Aamodt, *Using Appropriate Sustainable Energy Technologies (ASETS) to Promote Access to Energy for the Other Third*, (Ch. 16) in *International Energy Development, the Emerging Contours* (Routledge 2015).

Jason Aamodt and Chen Wenqin, *Can the Chinese Biogas Experience Shed Light on the Future of Sustainable Energy Development?*, 42 Denver J. Int'l Law & Pol. 427 (2014).

Jason B. Aamodt, Krystina Phillips and Rene Annesley, *Groundwater: A Comparative Analysis of the Regulation of Groundwater Encountered in Surface Mining*, 64 OKLA. L. REV 539-561 (2012).

Cited positively in Joseph Dellapenna, *The Rise and the Demise of the Absolute Dominion Doctrine for Groundwater*, 35 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 291 (2013).

Lakshman D. Guruswamy & Jason B. Aamodt, *Russian Nuclear Dumping: The Environmental Dimension*, in *Arms & the Environment: Preventing the Perils of Arms Control* (Lakshman D. Guruswamy & Suzette R. Grillot, eds. Transnational Pubs. 2001).

Jason Aamodt, *Tar Creek, Tribal Environmental Jurisdiction and Natural Resource Restoration of Tribal Lands*, Proceedings of The Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium at 1 (2000).

Quoted favorably for the definition of EPA's federal Indian policy by H. Scott Althouse, *Idaho Nibbles at Montana: Carving Out a Third Exception for Tribal Jurisdiction Over Environmental and Natural Resource Management*, 31 Env'tl. L. 721 (2001).

Lakshman D. Guruswamy, Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Burns H. Weston & Jonathon C. Carlson (associate authors) & Jason B. Aamodt, Sally A. Bullen & Tiffany S. McCready (assistant authors), *International Environmental Law and World Order* (2d West 1999).

Lakshman D. Guruswamy & Jason B. Aamodt, *Russian Nuclear Dumping: The Environmental Dimension*, 10 Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy 267 (1999).

Quoted favorably in General Charles Horner, *Keynote Address: Nuclear Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the Post-Cold War Security*

*Environment*, 31 Case W. Res. J. Int'l L. 671 (1999).

Quoted favorably in Luis E. Rodriguez-Rivera, *The Human Right to Environment and the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy*, 35 Denv. J. Int'l L. & Pol'y 173 (2006).

Jason B. Aamodt, *Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials: Human Health & Regulation*, 33 Tulsa Law Journal 847 (1998), reprinted in 36 Public Land and Resources Law Digest 11 (1999).

Peer reviewed and chosen by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation as the lead article in its anthology of 1998's best natural resource law articles.

Cited favorably by *Jurimetrics*.

Cited favorably by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

J. Berton Fisher & Jason B. Aamodt, *Sources of Environmental Liability in Natural Gas Exploration and Production*, Gas Research Institute (1999) (invited, funded research).

Jason B. Aamodt, Invited Book Review, *Turning Off the Heat*, of Tom Casten, *Turning Off the Heat* (1998), in *The Tulsa World* (May 9, 1999).

Jason B. Aamodt, *Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials: Human Health & Regulation*. Proceedings of the 5th Annual International Petroleum Environmental Conference (IPEC) (1998).

Jason B. Aamodt & Thomas Harris, *Of the People: NELPI, the Tribes and TU*, (Cover Article) 3 *The University of Tulsa Magazine* (1998).

Jason B. Aamodt, *Non-Specific Health Effects and NORM: A New Approach*. Proceedings of the 4th Annual IPEC Conference, San Antonio, Texas (1997).

Jason B. Aamodt, *Regulating the Standard of Care Owed to the Public During an Emergency at a Nuclear Power Plant*, 16 *Energy Law Journal* 161 (1995).

Relied upon by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals to establish the tort-based standard of care owed by the operator of a nuclear installation to the general public. See *Finestone v. Fla. Power & Light Co.*, 272 Fed. Appx. 761, 765 (11th Cir. 2008).

Cited favorably in Emily Benz, *Lessons from Fukushima: Strengthening the International Regulation of Nuclear Energy*, 37 *Wm. & Mary Env'tl. L. & Pol'y Rev.* 845 (2013).

## **Recent Invited Symposia**

- Water Law, National Business Institute (April 2016)
- Oklahoma State University - Energy justice, indigenous people, and the wilderness of the Central Brooks Range of Alaska (2015);
- Society of Environmental Journalists – Indian Law and Environmental Jurisdiction (2015);
- University of Colorado at Denver - Drafting of model laws for lighting (2015);
- National Business Institute – Water Management in Oklahoma (2015);
- University of Tulsa, College of Law – Environmental Agencies Roundtable (2014);
- University of Colorado at Denver – Sutton Colloquy (November 2013);
- University of Colorado at Boulder – Energy Justice and Sustainable Energy for All (September 2012);
- University of Oklahoma Law Review – Oklahoma’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Water Challenges (May 2012);
- Oklahoma Water Law –CLE International (May 2011).

## **Legal Experience**

**Private practice** (2000-present). Established the “Indian and Environmental Law Center,” which represents Indian tribal governments and individuals, and focuses on matters involving trust management, water law, environmental tort litigation, and business development.

### **Published decisions:**

- *Flute v. United States*, 67 F. Supp. 3d 1178 (D. Colo. 2014).
- *Fletcher v. United States*, 730 F.3d 1206 (10th Cir. 2013).
- *McCormick v. Halliburton Co.*, 895 F. Supp. 2d 1152 (W.D. Okla. 2012).
- *Lind v. Aetna Health, Inc.*, 466 F.3d 1195 (10th Cir. 2006).
- *Ponca Tribe of Indians v. Cont'l Carbon Co.*, 439 F. Supp. 2d 1171 (W.D. Okla. 2006).
- *Jacobs Ranch, L.L.C. v. Smith*, 148 P.3d 842 (Okla. Sup. Ct 2006).
- *Fletcher v. United States*, 160 Fed. Appx. 792 (10th Cir. 2005).
- *Lemmings v. Second Chance Body Armor, Inc.*, 328 B.R. 228 (N.D. Okla. 2005).
- *In re LTV Steel Co.*, 264 B.R. 455 (N.D. Ohio 2001).

### **Registered Jurisdictions for the Practice of Law**

United States Supreme Court (2013-present)  
Oklahoma Supreme Court (1996-present)  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court (2010-2014)  
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals (Federal) (2004-present)  
United States Court of Federal Claims (2011-present)  
Northern District of Oklahoma (Federal) (2001-present)  
Eastern District of Oklahoma (Federal) (2001-present)  
Western District of Oklahoma (Federal) (2005-present)  
Eastern District of Arkansas (Federal) (2010-present)  
Western District of Arkansas (Federal) (2010-present)  
District of Colorado (Federal) (2012-present)  
Court of Indian Offenses (2001-present)  
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (2010-present)  
Chickasaw Nation (2011-present)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association  
Oklahoma Bar Association  
Tulsa County Bar Association  
Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation  
American Chemical Society

### **Pro Bono & Community Service**

- Alumni Board, the University of Tulsa (2013-2016);
- Board of Advisors, Oklahoma State University Graduate Environmental Programs;
- Coached the University of Tulsa's entry in the Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competitions (1998-2000; 2011-2013).
- Coached the University of Tulsa's entry in the Pace University Environmental Law Moot Court Competitions (2009-2011).
- Mentor in the University of Tulsa's mentorship program.