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EDUCATION

PhD, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, May, 2012.

JD, Wayne State University School of Law, Detroit, Michigan, May, 1980.

BA, Social Science, with Honors, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, March, 1977.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Law Offices of John R Coon, JD, PhD., Brunswick, ME

Affiliated Faculty, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000 – Present *Law Offices of John R Coon, PhD.* Rated “Preeminent AV” (highest possible rating) from Martindale-Hubbell. Private practice of law with an emphasis on groundwater contamination, environmental conflict resolution and consulting with advocates involved in complex international commercial, environmental, and natural resource damages issues, land use and development, as well as allocation issues under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), RCRA, and/or the Oil Pollution Act (“OPA”).

1995 -- 2000 *Wright and Coon, P.A.*, Portland, Maine. Co-founder and principal of small law firm specializing in national commercial, environmental and toxic tort litigation. Rated “Preeminent AV”. Represented clients in CERCLA (“Superfund”), RCRA and toxic tort matters in numerous states and the Caribbean; represented the interests of clients involved in regulatory matters pertaining to aquaculture, solid waste and wetlands disputes; national trial counsel for Fortune 500 insulation manufacturers; co-class counsel for asbestos-product manufacturers and others in national tobacco litigation.

1991 - 1995 *Amerling and Burns, P A.* Portland, Maine. Partner in medium-sized AV rated law firm representing clients nationally in litigation involving asbestos, CERCLA, RCRA, and related toxic and mass tort matters. Directed and coordinated national environmental insurance coverage negotiation and litigation for Fortune 500 companies.

1981 - 1991 *Coon, Sanford and Amerling, P.A.*, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Principal and founder. A medium-sized firm specializing in employment and labor law, personal injury, products liability defense, and commercial, construction and related litigation. Class counsel for actions involving wage and hour violations, consumer fraud, and race, sex, and age discrimination.

1979 – 1981 *U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, Detroit, Michigan Trial Attorney representing the U.S. government investigating and litigating significant regional and national employment discrimination cases involving allegations of race, sex and age bias. Litigation involved both individual and systemic pattern and practice issues.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Water Resources Association

Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee

American Bar Association

- Water Quality and Wetlands Committee
- Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Ecosystem Committee
- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts Committee (National Co-chair 1996-98)
- Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Environmental Law Institute

International Bar Association Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee

- Water Law Committee
- Latin America Regional Forum
- Antitrust Law Committee

Maine State Bar Association

Michigan Bar Association (inactive)

New Hampshire Bar Association (pending)

The Coastal Society

U.S. Virgin Islands Bar Association (inactive)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2012 – 2014. Post-Doctoral Fellow, Policy and Analysis Lab, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

2005. Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment grant for federal and state environmental law and policy research.

2005 Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment for the design and analysis of a survey of Council members.

2004 Grant from National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Northeast Consortium for three-year extension of the Marine Research and Education Partnership. 2001 – 2004: Coordinator, Marine Resource Education Project (“MREP”) through grant from NOAA Northeast Consortium.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New Hampshire Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, Durham, NH

Law of Natural Resources and the Environment. Spring 2015 (Spring 2014).

International Environmental Politics and Policy. Fall 2014 (Fall 2013).

Linking Decision-making and Coastal Ecosystem Science. Fall 2012 (Fall 2011, Fall 2010).

Public Participation and Environmental Conflict Resolution. Fall 2010.

Land Conservation Principles and Practices. Spring 2010. Co-Instructor.

Ecosystem-Based Governance: Policies and Management Strategies for Healthy Coastal Ecosystems. Spring 2007 (Spring 2006).

University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute, Durham, NH

Environmental Sustainability and Development. Spring 2014.

University of New England, Biddeford, ME

Introduction to Environmental Issues. Fall 2012.

APPLIED RESEARCH

2016 - present. Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Buffers Options for the Bay Advisory Committee

2012. New England River Herring Stakeholder Workshop, January 2012: “Designing a River Herring Catch Share for the East Coast” funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

2011 – present. Social Science Advisory Team, Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership.

2007. “Expert Workshop on Institution Arrangement and Governance of the Great

Lakes.” June 13-14, 2007, Toronto, Ontario.

2006. Member and Facilitator: Climate Change Task Force of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Action Plan 2007-2012. March 22-23, 2006, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Academic Papers and Conference Proceedings

2016 Coon, J. “Great Laurentian Spring Redux: Lessons Learned from the Great Lakes Governance Regime 1968 – 1993.” Restore America’s Estuaries 8th National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 25th Biennial Meeting of the Coastal Society, December 13, 2016. New Orleans, LA.

2015 Coon, J and M.L. Becker. “Human Dignity and Sustainable Development: Using the Policy Sciences Analytical Framework to Assess and Implement Adaptive, Ecosystem-Based Governance.” Policy Sciences Annual Institute, November 12, 2015. World Bank, Washington D.C.

2015 Coon, J., M.L. Becker, T. Lee. 2015 “Using the Policy Sciences Analytical Framework in the Assessment, Implementation and Monitoring of Adaptive Ecosystem-Based Approaches to Resource Management.” International Congress for Conservation Biology. August 3, 2015. Montpellier, France.

2014 Regier, H., J. Coon, J. Jackson. 2014. “Towards a balance between responsibilities and rights to the ecosystemic goods and services of our Great Lakes — St. Lawrence River basin.” *Journal of Great Lakes Research* (2014). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jglr.2014.10.003>.

John R. Coon, “Can We Get There from Here? Toward an Integrated Ecosystem Approach to the Management of the Bay of Fundy/Gulf of Maine.” (PhD diss. University of New Hampshire, 2012).

Coon, J. and M.L. Becker. 2007. “Can We Get There From Here: Toward an Integrated Ecosystem Approach to Governance in the Gulf of Maine Region.” In G. W. Pohle, P. G. Wells, and S. J. Rolston (Eds). 2007. *Challenges in Environmental Management in the Bay of Fundy- Gulf of Maine*. Proceedings of the 7th Bay of Fundy Science Workshop, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, 24–27 October 2006. Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership Technical Report No. 3. Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership, Wolfville, NS: 22 pp.

Coon, J. 2005. “A Survey and Synthesis of Significant U.S. Law and Priorities Influencing Governance in the Gulf of Maine Region: A Summary Report for the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment.” Submitted November 1, 2005 pursuant to a

grant funded by the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment: 61pp.
[www.gulfofmaine.org/council/publications/US Law and Priorities Gulf of Maine.pdf](http://www.gulfofmaine.org/council/publications/US_Law_and_Priorities_Gulf_of_Maine.pdf).

Becker, M.L., J. Coon and J. Williamson. 2001. "Bridging the Gap: A Model for Building Trust and Collaboration Between Marine Resource Regulators and Stakeholders." In *Globalization and Water Resources: The Changing Value of Water: Proceedings of the AWRA/University of Dundee International Specialty Conference on Globalization and Water Management*. August 5 – 9, 2001, Dundee Scotland, UK: AWRA, August 2001.

Becker, M.L., J. Coon, A. Rosenberg, J. Williamson, M.B. Tooley and D. Goethel. "Bridging the GAP to Build Collaborative Research, Science Communication and Industry Participation in New England Fisheries Management" in David Witherell, ed. *Managing Our Nation's Fisheries: Past, Present and Future: Proceedings of a Conference on Fisheries Management in the United States*. Washington, D.C.: November 13-15, 2003. NOAA, 2004:225.

Non-Academic Publications

Coon, J. and E.L. Butler. 1998. "Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fingerprinting: A Primer for Non-Chemists," Defense Research Institute, *Newsletter of the Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee*, Spring 1998, Chicago, IL.

1997 Coon, John R and Tyler N. Kolle. Insurance Coverage Law in Maine. Eau Claire: NBI, 1997.

1996 Coon, John R. and W. John Amerling, Construction Law in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Eau Claire: NBI 1996.

1995 Amerling, W. John and John R. Coon. Construction Law in Maine. Eau Claire: NBI, 1995.

1994 Coon, John R. and Mark V. Franco. Insurance Coverage Law in Maine. Eau Claire: NBI, 1994.

Invited Presentations

2016 Coon, J. "Great Laurentian Spring *Redux*: Lessons Learned from the Great Lakes Governance Regime 1968 – 1993." Restore America's Estuaries 8th National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 25th Biennial Meeting of the Coastal Society, December 13, 2016. New Orleans, LA.

Coon, J and M.L. Becker. 2015. "Human Dignity and Sustainable Development: Using the Policy Sciences Analytical Framework to Assess and Implement Adaptive, Ecosystem-Based Governance." Policy Sciences Annual Institute, November 12, 2015. World Bank, Washington D.C.

Coon, J., M.L. Becker, T. Lee. 2015 “Using the Policy Sciences Analytical Framework in the Assessment, Implementation and Monitoring of Adaptive Ecosystem-Based Approaches to Resource Management.” International Congress for Conservation Biology. European Congress for Conservation Biology. August 3, 2015. Montpellier, France.

Coon, J. 2013. “If It’s Broke, FIX It: Problem Solving, the Policy Sciences, and the Pursuit of Ecosystem-Based Solutions.” Presentation to the Faculty and Students of the UNH Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, May 2, 2013, Durham, NH.

Coon, J. 2012 “Great Bay Estuary Issues: Judicial Management or Community Process.” Report drafted at the request of the Bellamy and Oyster River Watershed Partnership (“BORWPP”) to evaluate the nutrient overload and water quality/quantity issues extant in the watershed and the options available to town POTWs under the Clean Water Act and other statutes, regulations, and ordinances.