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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2008-present **Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, IL. Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Environmental Law Concentration.
- Teaching focuses on the foundational Environmental Law curriculum, including Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, International Environmental Law, and Property
 - Helped found the Environmental Law Concentration.
 - Winner of 2009-2010 Dean's Teaching Award

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Michael Barsa and David Dana, *The Deepwater Horizon, NEPA, and the Safety Case* (forthcoming in *Houston Environmental & Energy Law & Policy Journal*)

Michael Barsa and David Dana, *Reconceptualizing NEPA to Prevent the Next Preventable Disaster* (forthcoming in *Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review*)

-- Presented at Northwestern Faculty Workshop.

Michael Barsa and David Dana, *Three Obstacles to the Promotion of Corporate Social Responsibility by Means of the Alien Tort Claims Act: The Sosa Court's Incoherent Conception of the Law of Nations, the "Purposive" Action Requirement for Aiding and Abetting, and the State Action Requirement for Primary Liability*, 21 *Fordham Environmental Law Review* 79 (2010)

-- Presented at the April 29, 2010 Searle Center Public Policy Roundtable on the Alien Tort Claims Act.

Michael Barsa, *California's Proposition 65 and the Limits of Information Economics*, 49 *STANFORD LAW REVIEW* 1223 (1997)

-- Named one of the top food and drug law articles of the 1990s.

Michael Barsa, *Mothers*, 36 SEQUOIA: THE STANFORD LITERARY MAGAZINE 23-25 (1994-1995) (short story)

Michael Barsa, contributing author with Betty G. Lall & John Tepper Marlin, et. al., BUILDING A PEACE ECONOMY: OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS OF POST-COLD WAR DEFENSE CUTS (1992)

Michael Barsa, *A Model of International Environmental Cooperation*, 1 STANFORD ECONOMICS JOURNAL 23-33 (1991)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1999-2008 **Munger, Tolles & Olson**, Los Angeles, CA. Associate.
- Litigated numerous environmental cases involving the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Safe Drinking Water Act, California's Proposition 65, and common law tort claims
 - Developed legal and scientific strategies under RCRA, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and numerous state environmental statutes, in one of the first groundwater contamination cases involving the gasoline additive MTBE
 - Conducted numerous depositions and crafted a settlement strategy in a CERCLA action concerning DDT off the California coastline
 - Took the lead in drafting the winning brief, on behalf of numerous defendants, regarding an issue of first impression under CERCLA: the retroactive application of Section 127 (involving recycling)
 - Crafted many of the novel legal arguments in a "subsurface trespass" case involving the underground flow of salt water from oilfield operations
- 1997-98 **U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit**. Law Clerk to the Hon. Cynthia Holcomb Hall.
- Prepared legal memoranda in a case dealing with the application of environmental and historic preservation laws to a housing project for low-income residents and people with AIDS, and a toxic torts case dealing with federal officer removal jurisdiction
 - Prepared other legal memoranda in cases involving criminal, civil rights, tax, bankruptcy, and immigration law

EDUCATION:

- 1995-97 **Stanford Law School**, J.D. with Distinction.
- GPA 3.77 / 4.0 (top 10%)
 - Member, Order of the Coif
 - Associate Editor, STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL

1994-95 **The University of Chicago Law School**, Completed first year.

- GPA 81.9 / 85 (high A average)
- Awarded Tony Patiño Fellowship for leadership, academics, and public service

1987-92 **Stanford University**

- MA in English Literature
- BA in English and BA with Honors in Economics

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

1996-97 **Research Assistant**, Prof. Robert Rabin, Stanford Law School

1996 **Summer Associate**, Latham & Watkins

1995 **Summer Associate**, The Nature Conservancy

1993-94 **Grant Writer**, Santa Clara University

1992-93 **Presidential Intern**, The American University in Cairo

1991 **Summer Research Fellow**, The World Bank