

INGRID M. GRONSTAL

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law • Iowa City, IA

Juris Doctor • GPA: 3.67, top 15% approx. • Graduated May 2011 with Distinction

- National Association of Women Lawyers Award Recipient
- Note Editor, *Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems* journal
- Legislative Affairs Director, Environmental Law Society
- Treasurer, Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Organization of Women Law Students and Staff

University of Iowa • Iowa City, IA

Bachelor of Science • Psychology Major Biology Minor • Graduated May 2005 with Honors in Psychology and Distinction

- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Honors Thesis in Comparative Cognition Laboratory: Investigated the ability of pigeons to categorize visual stimuli
- Research in Eberl Laboratory: Investigated the relationship between *Drosophila* chordotonal mutations and walking behavior
- Vice President, Iowa Student Psychological Association

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory • Milford, IA • Field Ecology, Summer 2004

University of Wales • Swansea, UK • Political Science and English, Spring 2003

EXPERIENCE

Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative, University of Iowa College of Law

Research Fellow • Iowa City, IA

Jan. 2023 – present

- Research substantive topics in environmental law such as biodiversity, habitat, and wildlife management, labor law and just transition away from fossil fuels, energy law and Carbon pipelines, and other topics as relevant to HELI program goals
- Writing and other content creation, including publications in trade magazines, online articles and white papers, podcasts, and journal submissions
- Foster student opportunities including supervising a summer RA, participating in an environmental law career panel, and investigating environmental moot court opportunities
- Build connections between HELI and partner environmental organizations across the state, including the Iowa State Bar Association and environmental NGOs
- Assist with planning and executing HELI events

Iowa Environmental Council

April 2019 - Aug. 2022

Water Program Director • Des Moines, IA

- Worked with staff, board, members, and partners to set program priorities; Developed strategies and tactics for advancing such priorities through outreach, legislative advocacy, and the administrative process
- Researched new and existing state, federal, and local laws and regulations on issues including nutrient pollution and agricultural runoff, climate change impacts to water quality, and environmental justice; Wrote white papers, public comments, press releases, blog pieces, and op-eds stating the pollution problems in Iowa's waterways and recommending law and policy solutions
- Communicated with members and the public through presentations, videos, media

interviews, podcast interviews, social media posts, events, and writing to educate Iowans about water pollution and drive action to support policy change

- Set legislative priorities with government relations counsel and staff and strategized moving priorities forward during legislative session while preventing adverse bills from passing; Tracked bills throughout session and communicated the content, status, and implications of various bills to members and the public
- Managed a diverse coalition of member organizations, including environmental nonprofits, private businesses, and trade organizations; Expanded outreach by engaging new organizations across the state while maintaining existing partnerships
- Worked with staff attorney to assess opportunities for administrative actions and litigation; Drafted and edited pleadings, briefs, and related documents

University of Iowa Utilities

Nov. 2013 - April 2019

Environmental Compliance Specialist • Iowa City, IA

- Campus Environmental Compliance Officer – reported quarterly to VP of Finance & Operations and General Counsel
- Coordinated UI Biomass Fuel Project – Miscanthus, including: Supervising agricultural service provider; Coordinating with biomass project partners on and off campus, including UI Chemistry Dept. (Dr. Betsy Stone), ISU (Dr. Emily Heaton, Dr. Lisa Schulte Moore); Collaborating with project partners to develop grant applications
- Managed and coordinated campus permitting and regulatory programs including: Plantwide Applicability Limit (PAL), Title V air quality permit, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer, Flood Plain permits, Underground Storage Tanks, and Refrigerant Management
- Planned events; Presented on environmental compliance and biomass initiatives to student classes and professional and trade organizations; Provided media interviews
- Monitored state and federal environmental regulations for applicability requirements
- Researched and wrote memoranda on campus environmental compliance issues

University of Iowa Office of Sustainability

May 2013 - Nov. 2013

Consultant • Iowa City, IA

- Compiled and analyzed campus data for various metrics to be reported in the University's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System Application
- Wrote a successful grant application to the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture to develop a sustainability index for evaluating various potential biomass fuel sources
- Gathered data and information regarding a potential sustainability general education requirement for undergraduate students

Iowa Learning Farms - Water Rocks!

May 2013 - Sept. 2013

Consultant • Ames, IA

- Developed a biodiversity educational module for use in K-12 presentations
- Drafted editorials on various agricultural and water quality issues

United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa

Sept. 2011 - Mar. 2013

Law Clerk • Cedar Rapids, IA

- Performed legal research, analyzed legal issues, and drafted orders for motions; Edited and proofread co-clerks' work product

University of Iowa Legal Clinic

Jan. 2011 - May 2011

Student Legal Intern • Iowa City, IA

- Interned in the family law, civil law, and law and policy in action sections
- Conducted client interviews, prepared court documents, performed legal research and wrote memoranda, worked with the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission on a

proposed ordinance change, prepared and presented policy information to Cedar Rapids City Council members

Plains Justice

May 2010 - Aug. 2010

Legal Intern • Cedar Rapids, IA

May 2009 - Aug. 2009

- Wrote legal memoranda on topics including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, administrative law, evidence, and future litigation strategies
- Prepared litigation documents for an administrative hearing; Prepared FOIA requests; Compiled energy efficiency data
- Participated in stakeholder processes with environmental nonprofit partners and Iowa DNR

University of Iowa College of Law Citizen Lawyer Program

Jan. 2009 - May 2009

Student Volunteer Intern • Iowa City, IA

- Worked with MUNA legal clinic in Des Moines helping immigrant victims of domestic violence apply for VAWA and U-Visa protection

City of Houston Mayor's Office of Environmental Programming

Aug. 2007 - Dec. 2007

Volunteer Intern • Houston, TX

- Compiled data of contaminated sites for an award-winning GIS mapping project
- Researched RCRA and CERCLA and drafted ordinances and application materials for the city's contaminated site municipal settings designation program

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

License: Admitted to the Iowa Bar, September 2011

Publications:

- *Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy: Policy Solutions to Actually Reduce Nutrient Pollution in Iowa's Water*, IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (May 2021)
- *Jaws of Life: Developing International Shark Finning Regulations Through Lessons Learned from the International Whaling Commission*, 20 *TRANSNAT'L L. & CONTEMP. PROBS.* 511 (2011)

Media:

- *Facing Change, Taking Pride*, Iowa Environmental Council Blog (June 21, 2021), <https://www.iaenvironment.org/blog/iowa-environmental-voice/facing-change-taking-pride>
- *Ingrid Gronstal - The Water Series*, Your Green Portal Green City Podcast, Sept. 3, 2021
- *Identity, Conservation, and Hope for the Future*, Conservation Chat, Iowa Learning Farms, April 24, 2019
- *University of Iowa Power Plant*, EnvIowa Podcast, UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, Oct. 2, 2017
- *University of Iowa's Biomass Fuel Project*, Conservation Chat, Iowa Learning Farms, Sept. 29, 2016
- *University of Iowa's Biomass Fuel Project*, Iowa Learning Farms Webinar, Dec. 17, 2014
- *Out to the Lakes*, Iowa Learning Farms, 2012 Iowa Motion Picture Association award winning film

Presentations:

- *University of Iowa Biomass Fuel Project*, Guest Lecture, Global Environmental Health, University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA, Feb. 1, 2017
- *PAL Case Study: Plant-Wide Applicability Limit for Campus Air Compliance*, Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, KS, May 13, 2016
- *University of Iowa Biomass Fuel Project: Co-Firing Biomass in Solid Fuel Boilers*, International Biomass Conference & Expo, Minneapolis, MN, April 21, 2015
- *Sustainability Index: A Tool for Biomass Fuel Choices*, Big Ten and Friends Mechanical & Energy

Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Oct. 13-15, 2014

Leadership:

- OneIowa LGBTQ Leadership Institute graduate, June - Oct. 2022
- Board member: Iowa Coldwater Conservancy, 2021 - present
- Former Board member: Emma Goldman Clinic; Iowa Bicycle Racing Association; Iowa City Cycling Club; National Alliance on Mental Illness, Johnson County
- Former Co-Chair: City of Iowa City Climate Action Advisory Board; UI Council on the Status of Women; UI Bicycle Advisory Committee

INTERESTS

Dog owner • Bicycle racer • Musician • Backpacker • Cheese enthusiast • Hamilton