



Whitford Remer JD, MURP, AICP, ENV SP

LEGAL AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR | SUSTAINABILITY EXPERT | LAND USE PLANNER
*ADVISING COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENTS, AND BUSINESSES ON BUILDING
SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT, AND VIBRANT PLACES TO WORK AND LIVE*

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.)

Loyola University New Orleans, *Certificate in Land Use and Environmental Law*

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (MURP)

University of New Orleans, *Land Use and Urban Design Program*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN GEOGRAPHY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Florida State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY (IBHS), TAMPA, FL

Counsel & Director of Public Policy

2017 - Present

Provide internal legal and public policy advice to advance organizational goal of using credible, science-based research to make buildings and communities more sustainable and resilient. Work with partners to promote the adoption of the FORTIFIED resilient construction standard.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senior Manager, Government Relations (Risk Mitigation, Land Use & Resilience Portfolio)

2014 - 2017

Manage and advance legislative and regulatory policy for the nation's largest civil engineering trade organization. Develop innovative strategies in coordination with federal, state, local, and private partners to transform the safety and productivity of the built and natural environment. In 2015, I advised teams competing for \$1 billion in federal (HUD) resilience grants on designing infrastructure to mitigate risk and increase resilience to natural disasters.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (EDF), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senior Policy Analyst & Attorney (Gulf Coast Restoration Program)

2011 - 2014

Provide complex legal and legislative strategy to five national conservation organizations working to pass RESTORE Act (multi-billion dollar economic and environmental restoration legislation) in coordination with Gulf Coast Congressional delegation and relevant stakeholders.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Legal Honors Law Clerk (Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance)

2010

Part of a distinct group of honors law students selected to clerk at EPA headquarters, I worked in the central Superfund office providing legal support and strategy for regional offices.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (U.S. CONGRESS), NEW ORLEANS, LA

District Law Clerk, Office of Rep. Joseph Cao (Land Use and Disaster Recovery Portfolio)

2010

Following Hurricane Katrina, residents relied on government officials and staff to provide information and assist in recovery efforts. I worked on land use and environmental issues in disadvantaged neighborhoods in the District.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND LAND USE, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Research Assistant to Robert Verchick

2008 - 2009

Recognized as the foremost legal mind in environmental justice and climate adaptation, Rob Verchick (former Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, EPA) asked me to research and edit his now award-winning book on environmental lessons following Hurricane Katrina with a focus on: Going Green, Being Fair and Keeping Safe.

- Researcher for “Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action for a Post-Katrina World” (Harvard University Press)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMMITTEES

- Invited Member, Urban Land Institute Coastal District Council, 2017.
- Florida Bar Association, Member in Good Standing, Section on Environment and Water
- American Planning Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Section on Environment and Energy, Section on Land Use Practice
- Association of Corporate Counsel, Member, Programming Committee for West Central Chapter

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

“Florida’s Building Codes Prove Effective Following Active Hurricane Season,” Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Florida Bar Association, March 2018.

“Review of the Deepwater Horizon Early Framework Agreement,” Committee on Natural Resources Damages and Superfund Litigation, American Bar Association, January 2014.

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- *ENV. SP, Certified Envision Sustainability Professional*, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure
- *AICP*, American Institute of Certified Planners

AWARDS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Mayor’s Appreciation Award, Mayor Ray Nagin, City of New Orleans, 2011 for work on New Orleans Masterplan and Zoning Ordinance.*
- Representative, US-Netherlands Water Infrastructure Exchange, Florida Earth Foundation, 2015.
- Expert Panelist, White House Flood Safety Summit, February 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, 2016 Legislative Update at the Coast’s, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute, Savannah, Georgia, 2016.
- Distinguished Panel Speaker, Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Financing, U.S. Water Alliance annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2016.