Environmental Resilience: The Legal and Policy Landscape  
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Speaker Bios

Paul Babcock JD  
Director, City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health & Safety

Paul Babcock is the Director of the City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety. As Director, Paul manages the development of food and re-entry policy initiatives, convenes support services for those currently experiencing homelessness, and oversees the City’s public safety communications functions. With the Office serving as lead agency, he also coordinates city-wide efforts toward comprehensive, holistic reform of the criminal justice system in Indianapolis.

Paul brings with him over fourteen years of experience in policy analysis and law, specializing in public health and criminal justice. Paul previously served the City as Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives and Legal Counsel for the Office of Public Health and Safety. Before working for the City of Indianapolis, Paul held the role of Project Director for the Marion County Public Health Department, where he administered public health policy, as well as oversaw preparedness and innovation efforts.

Paul is a graduate of Butler University with degrees in Political Science and Communication. He earned a Master's degree in Public Affairs and Policy from the Indiana University, Purdue University-Indianapolis School of Public & Environmental Affairs. Paul also holds a Juris Doctorate from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the Indiana International & Comparative Law Review. He is a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and American Bar Associations. In addition to his service to the Indianapolis community, Paul is an affiliate faculty member at the Indiana University Center for Bioethics. His publications include an article in the global business review Drug Discovery World titled Mass Spectrometry in Drug Discovery and Development. Paul spent two years with the Peace Corps as a Community Healthcare Organizer in Uganda, where he launched field-based advocacy in partnership with 15 women living with HIV.

Mayor Jim Brainard  
City of Carmel

Mayor Jim Brainard is Carmel's first six-term mayor. During that time, Carmel has grown in population from 25,000 to almost 100,000. Parkland, greenspace and trails have increased. The development of an Arts & Design District, a downtown called City Center and a new Midtown project joining the two together, have helped in the creation of a vibrant, thriving city where companies want to locate, where employees want to live and where families want to raise their children. Mayor Brainard is frequently asked to speak around the world about city planning, redevelopment, roadway networks and climate policy. He has encouraged the construction of roundabouts, which reduce accidents with injury almost 80 percent at intersections when contrasted to signalized intersections. Carmel now has more than 120 roundabout intersections, the most of any city in the U.S. Mayor Brainard serves as a Trustee and Co-chair of the Energy
Independence and Climate Protection Task Force for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In November of 2013 he was appointed to the Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience by the President of the United States. Mayor Brainard's academic background includes a Bachelor of Arts in History from Butler University and Doctor of Jurisprudence from Ohio Northern University. He also received a diploma from the Oxford Institute on International and Comparative Law from the University of San Diego.

Andrea Ciobanu, MPA, JD
Ciobanu Law

Ciobanu Law, P.C.’s principal attorney Andrea Ciobanu, MPA, JD, has argued complex cases before the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana Court of Appeals, the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the US District Courts for the Northern and Southern District of Indiana, and she has been admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court. Andrea is both a diligent litigator and a strategic negotiator. She is a registered civil mediator who served as the Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Indiana State Bar Association. Whenever possible, Andrea employs her knowledge of cooperative negotiation techniques to resolve her clients' cases before trial.

Michael Dunn
Director of Freshwater Conservation Programs for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana

Mike Dunn is the Director of Freshwater Conservation Programs for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana. He leads the Indiana chapter’s work with agricultural partners to promote soil health practices and conservation programs that address nutrient issues. Before joining the Conservancy, he spent four years working for the Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Marketing Council as Director of their Production and Environment Initiative. In that position, he led water quality and water quantity projects and coordinated production-funded research at Purdue University which helped to develop best management practices for farmers. Mike also represented the Indiana Soybean Alliance in the Soil Health Partnership, Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, Field to Market, Indiana On-Farm Network, and the state’s nutrient reduction strategy. Previous to his work with the soybean and corn organizations, Mike spent 11 years working for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management where he specialized in rule-making and application review for Confined Feeding Operations. In addition to developing farmer education tools for livestock and fertilizer use rules, he assisted in developing a livestock mapping and siting program. Mike has a B.S. in Environmental Science from Louisiana Tech University and a Master’s Degree in Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. Mike lives in Indianapolis with his wife and two daughters.

Julie Ezell JD
Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy

Julie Ezell joined the Midwest utility company, Cinergy, as a litigation attorney in 2000. Following Cinergy’s 2006 merger with North Carolina-based Duke Energy, Julie’s practice area transitioned to Environmental Health and Safety. Today, Julie provides legal support across
multiple business units in Duke Energy’s seven state territory.

Sarah Freeman, JD
Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on Sept. 19, 2016, and was reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 29, 2017. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Committee on Critical Infrastructure and Committee on Telecommunications. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI). Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency for 16 years. In that capacity, she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees. In addition, Commissioner Freeman was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the NCSL Task Force on Cybersecurity.

Before joining the legislative branch, Commissioner Freeman served as a deputy attorney general with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, where she specialized in appellate law, post-conviction relief, and juvenile issues. Commissioner Freeman also served as judicial clerk to the Honorable Frank Sullivan of the Indiana Supreme Court. A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Philippa Guthrie, JD
Chief Counsel, City of Bloomington

Philippa earned an A.B. in History from Dartmouth College and after graduation joined Glaxo Smithkline in management and sales. She left the corporation to obtain a JD and a Masters in Public Policy from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. During her three graduate school summers, Philippa worked for the New York City Council President, Latham & Watkins law firm in Los Angeles, and the Cook County Public Defender's office in Chicago. Upon graduation, Philippa worked as an environmental and corporate attorney at IceMiller in Indianapolis, then as an Assistant General Counsel at Arvin Industries in Columbus, IN, focusing on general business and environmental issues. In 2000, Philippa joined the Indiana University Foundation as its VP and General Counsel, serving on the senior management team for the non-profit corporation that raises, invests and administers private gifts for the benefit of Indiana University. In January 2016, Philippa joined the City of Bloomington as its Corporation Counsel. Philippa has served on the Bloomington Growth Policies Plan Steering Committee and the Environmental Commission, and has been involved in local politics over the last decade. She has long been a volunteer for non-profits, and currently serves on the boards of Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe and Owen Counties, Cardinal Stage Company, and Centerstone, Inc., the largest community mental health organization in the country, serving clients in five states. Philippa was born and raised in Green Bay, WI.
Terry Hall, JD
Attorney at Law

Terry Hall has been assisting clients in the agriculture and renewable energy industries since 2004. She recently retired from Faegre Baker Daniels and continues to maintain a limited practice in her firm Terry Hall Law PC. Terry has been named to Indiana's Super Lawyers and America's Best Lawyers since 2009. She frequently presents at conferences on agriculture and renewable energy topics.

Laura Jones
Sustainability and Operations, Filtration Global Facilities Manager, Cummins Engine

Laura received her BS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and worked as a combustion engineer for several years until finding her passion in facilities and energy management. She has been with Cummins for 15 years in a variety of roles. Laura's first role at Cummins was as a facilities engineer for sites in southern Indiana. During this time Columbus experienced the massive flooding in 2008 in which several sites were severely impacted. Laura was a key part of the recovery team for the facilities effected by the flood. Later she took on a role as the Global Facilities Manager for the Filtration Business where she supported several facilities all over the world with managing their sites. Currently Laura is part of the Global Integrated Services Facilities Functional Excellence team. Her core responsibility is leading the regional and site teams in the implementation of projects in support of the 2020 energy sustainability goals.

Jesse Kharbanda
Executive Director, Hoosier Environmental Council

Jesse Kharbanda is the Executive Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council, Indiana's largest environmental policy organization. He oversees HEC's strategic and program development, legislative Initiatives, operations, and fundraising. Jesse has spearheaded focusing HEC's efforts on four core initiatives: clean energy, sustainable agriculture, 21st century transportation systems, and environmental justice. Jesse has made it a priority of HEC to build bridges with groups that may not have been as engaged with the organization in the past, such as public health organizations, the business community, and faith-based groups. Jesse's more than decade-long involvement in Indiana legislative matters began in 2006 while at the Environmental Law and Policy Center. Jesse's leadership honors include being named to the "Forty Under 40" list by the Indianapolis Business Journal, being recognized as the sole Indianapolis-based community leader in 2010 named to Delta Omega, the national public health honorary, winning the 2015 Hulman Health Achievement Award for Public Policy Advocacy, and being awarded with an honorary degree by DePauw University. Jesse has graduate degrees from Oxford University and undergraduate degrees from the University of Chicago.
Adam Mueller, JD  
Director of Advocacy, Indiana Legal Services  

Adam Mueller is the Director of Advocacy for Indiana Legal Services—Indiana's statewide civil legal aid provider. In this role, he oversees ILS's strategic priorities. Prior to this, Adam was a staff attorney in the Indianapolis office of ILS, focusing on public benefits and health justice. He is a graduate of Wabash College and Indiana University's Maurer School of Law.

Chad Priest, JD, MSN, RN  
Regional Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross-Indiana Region  

Prior to assuming leadership of the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross, Priest served as Assistant Dean for Operations & Community Partnerships at the Indiana University School of Nursing where he also directed the interdisciplinary Social Network Health Research Laboratory. Previously Chad was Chief Executive Officer of The MESH Coalition, an innovative public-private partnership that enables healthcare providers to effectively respond to emergency events and remain viable through recovery. Chad formerly practiced as an attorney at the law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels practicing public health and healthcare law in the Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. offices. Chad served on active duty as an officer in the United States Air Force with the 89th Medical Group, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

Maggie Rice, JD  
Deputy General Counsel at NiSource  

Maggie Rice is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for NiSource Inc., an Indiana-based energy company. Maggie leads the Environmental Law, Records Management, and Business continuity groups in NiSource's Legal Department. Before joining NiSource, Maggie served as Deputy Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Environment. Her primary responsibility in that position was managing the City's environmental enforcement and permitting programs. Maggie earned her juris doctor cum laude from Northwestern University School of Law and her B.A. with distinction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Erin Rowe  
Division Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security  

Response and Recovery Division Director Erin Rowe has dedicated her career to helping communities through emergency management. Rowe joined the Indiana Department of Homeland Security team in 2011 with extensive emergency management career knowledge. She held the titles of an operations section chief and an emergency planner before spending some time as the executive director of Hamilton County Emergency Management. Rowe brought this knowledge of working with the community when she returned to the agency in 2017 as a division director. She works closely with agencies and community stakeholders to collectively prepare their jurisdictions to protect, prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from natural and technological emergencies.
Freedom Smith JD
Partner, IceMiller Legal Counsel

Freedom S.N. Smith is a partner in the Firm's Environmental group and works in the areas of regulatory compliance and risk management, environmental law, natural resources and sustainability law, agricultural law, environmental and toxic tort litigation, procurement, and general litigation. Freedom's clients are involved in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, energy, real estate, and construction. Freedom has experience representing companies, municipalities, and citizens in a wide variety of areas in both state and federal courts as well as in administrative proceedings across the country.

She has frequently litigated cases for both public and private clients involving contracts, accidental releases of contamination, property transfers, leaking underground storage tanks, cost recovery actions, environmental and other insurance and coverage claims, environmental enforcement actions or clean-ups under a wide variety of regulatory programs, including CERClI-A/SUPERFUND. She has also handled numerous complex lawsuits involving business disputes, including cases involving breach of contract, products liability, and fraud. Freedom also advises and represents entities and individuals with regard to regulatory and compliance matters; managing environmental liability in business transactions, including the transfer of operations may be contaminated or potentially regulated by environmental laws; business certifications, and procurement. She works with numerous corporations, municipalities and utilities on all aspects of environmental compliance, air and water permitting, wastewater discharges, responding to local, state and federal agencies, dealing with citizen complaints, Brownfields redevelopment, and policy issues.

Freedom is often called upon to use her general litigation and administrative agency experience to assist in representing Ice Miller clients in other venues, such as before the Indiana Department of Administration and, the United States Department of Transportation, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Freedom has co-authored several environmental law survey articles for publication in the Indiana Law Review as well as other articles and newsletters regarding environmental information requests, administrative actions, and regulatory issues. Freedom is actively involved with the American Bar Association's (ABA) section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and has for the last several years has served as the Electronics Communications Vice Chair, for the Pesticides, Chemical Regulation, and Right to Know Committee. Freedom is also involved with the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA), serving on the Executive Committee for the Environmental Law Section and also serving on the Planning Committee for ISBA's Leadership Development Academy Program. Freedom serves on the Board of Directors for Earth Day Indiana and the Women's Fund of Central Indiana's Community Engagement Committee. Prior to joining Ice Miller I-LP in 2005, Freedom served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Andrew S. Effron of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. Similarly, she served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Patricia Riley of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Freedom also clerked as a Honors Law Clerk for the Washington, D.C. office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel—Solid Waste and Emergency Response Law Office in 2003, and served as a legal clerk in the appellate section of the U.S.
Attorney's Office in 2002.

Freedom graduated, *cum laude*, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2001, and was a managing editor for the Indiana Law Journal, and a Moot Court Quarterfinalist. She graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 2001 where she received her Bachelor of Arts in computer science and biology, *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. She is admitted to practice in the state of Indiana, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

**Jeremy Stutsman**
Mayor, City of Goshen

Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman took office in January 2016. Prior to this, Stutsman served on the City Council and Redevelopment Commission for eight years. He is a seventh-generation Goshen resident who graduated from Goshen Community Schools and Butler University. Stutsman has been very active in numerous local boards and not-for-profit organizations over the past twenty years. He is the 30th Mayor of the City of Goshen. He is also the youngest Mayor to serve the residents of this city.

**Josh Trenary, JD**
Executive Director, Indiana Pork Producers

Josh Trenary grew up on a corn, soybean and livestock farm in Clinton County, Indiana. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Purdue University, he returned to his home county to sell crop insurance and raise hogs as a contract grower for Excel Co-op until he decided to return to school. Josh had always had an interest in agricultural law, and began doing policy work for the Indiana Pork Producers Association after law school and is now the Executive Director of Indiana Pork Producers. Josh is appointed to the National Pork Producers Council's Environmental Policy Committee.

**Tristan Vance**
Chief Energy Officer, Indiana Department of Energy

Tristan Vance is the Chief Energy Officer for the State of Indiana and Director of the Office of Energy Development (OED). He is charged by Governor Eric Holcomb with the development of a comprehensive energy policy for the state. OED manages a broad range of projects in electricity, natural gas, transportation, workforce development, and community development. Vance serves on the board of directors for the National Association of State Energy Officials and the Energy Programs Consortium. He serves on the State Energy Advisory Board to advise Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy. He has previously also served on statewide boards for recycling and environmental policy in Indiana.
Melissa Widhalm  
Operations Manager, Purdue Climate Change Research Center

Melissa Widhalm is an operations manager with the Purdue Climate Change Research Center located in West Lafayette, Indiana. She serves as the program coordinator for the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment (IN CCIA), a statewide collaborative effort to develop a series of reports designed to help Hoosiers better understand climate change-related risks so they can better prepare for the future. In this role Melissa is responsible for overseeing report development and dissemination, and she strives to increase dialogue about climate change throughout Indiana. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Science degree in natural resource science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Prior to joining the PCCRC, Melissa spent six years as the project manager for the award-winning Useful to Usable (U2U) project where she helped improve the use of climate information for Midwestern farmers and their advisers. Her interests include applied climate science, science communication, public engagement, and interdisciplinary project management. Born and raised in the Midwest, Melissa currently resides in West Lafayette, IN where she spends her free time baking, reading and spending time with her partner and children.

Julia Wickard  
Assistant Commissioner and Agricultural Liaison, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Since April 2017, Julia served as the IDEM Government Affairs Director and Agricultural Liaison. Prior to IDEM, she served for eight years as the Indiana State Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) where she led over 300 employees in 75 county offices in administering federal agricultural programs. She has served as the Executive Vice President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, Chief Operating and Marketing Officer and Environmental and Natural Resources Director at the Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., and was the Environmental and Natural Resources Director in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. She has worked for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. and served two members of Congress. She is a graduate of AgrInstitute’s Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program.