Mackenzie Landa

EXPERIENCE

U.S. House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Washington, D.C.

Counsel

- Lead the committee's work on nature-based climate solutions, including forests, grasslands, wetlands, the ocean, wildlife, energy development on public lands, and agriculture
- Co-authored Solving the Climate Crisis: The Congressional Action Plan for a Clean Energy Economy and a Healthy, Resilient, and Just America, a staff report that lays out a framework for comprehensive congressional action to address the climate crisis
- Advise Chair Kathy Castor on legislation, policy, and press related to natural climate solutions and public lands
- Collaborate with advocacy groups, congressional staff, party leadership, and other relevant stakeholders on policy and messaging
- Develop and organize committee hearings and events by selecting and preparing witnesses, drafting statements and questions for the Chair, and developing memoranda for congressional staff

Office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Assistant

- Advised Congresswoman Castor on policy related to environment, energy, natural resources, agriculture, and wildlife
- Prepared talking points, questions, and relevant materials for Energy & Commerce Committee hearings and markups
- Coordinated with advocacy groups, relevant committees, and party leadership as part of the Environmental Message Team, leading the caucus on environmental and natural resources issues and messaging
- Crafted legislation, legislative amendments, and letters, especially related to offshore oil drilling and marine mammals

Office of Congressman Don Beyer, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Aide

- Advised Congressman Beyer on policy related to environment, natural resources, agriculture, wildlife, and animal welfare
- Prepared talking points, questions, speeches and relevant materials for Natural Resources Committee hearings and markups
- Drafted legislation, legislative amendments, letters, and op-eds, with a focus on endangered species and wildlife issues

Foundation to Support Animal Protection, Washington, D.C.

Litigation Fellow

- Developed strategic impact litigation using environmental, wildlife conservation, and animal protection laws and regulations
- Drafted pleadings and memoranda analyzing and applying state, federal, and administrative law

Office of the State Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit of Florida, Pensacola, FL

Assistant State Attorney

Prosecuted misdemeanor crimes in county court and represented the state in criminal proceedings

EDUCATION Vermont Law School Environmental LL.M.	South Royalton, VT Class of 2016
Florida State University College of Law	Tallahassee, FL
Juris Doctor, <i>cum laude</i> and Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law	Class of 2014
Emory University	Atlanta, GA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy	Class of 2011

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Florida Bar, Admitted September 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Species Protection as a Natural Climate Solution: Addressing the Climate Crisis through Wildlife Conservation, in WHAT CAN ANIMAL LAW LEARN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW? (Randall S. Abate ed., 2d ed. 2020)
- Co-author, Energy Justice and Climate-Refugees, 39 ENERGY L.J. 139 (2018)
- From War Dogs to Service Dogs: The Retirement and Adoption of Military Working Dogs, 24 ANIMAL L. REV. 39 (2018)

August 2016 – June 2017

August 2014 - May 2015

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August 2017 – March 2018

March 2018–March 2019