

## **ANNIE BRETT**

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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

#### **University of Florida Levin College of Law**

Professor of Law (2025 – Present)

Associate Professor of Law (2023 – 2025)

Assistant Professor of Law (2020 – 2023)

Courses: Property; Environmental Law; Oceans and Coastal Law; Big Data and the Law; Water Law

College Service: Director of Program on Law and Government (2025-Present); Appointments Committee (2024-2025); Faculty Workshop Co-Organizer (2022-2023); Facilities and Sustainability Committee Chair (2022-2023); Admissions Committee (2020-2022, 2025-2026)

University Service: Scientific Advisory Board Member, University of Florida Center for Coastal Solutions (2021-2024); Water Institute Planning Committee (2025-2026).

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *Summa cum laude***

Order of the Coif; Mary Doyle Fellow; Senior Articles Editor, University of Miami Law Review

#### **University of Miami Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, Ph.D.**

University of Miami Fellow; *Dissertation:* Toward Understanding Law and Exploration: Citizen Science, Technology and Regulation

#### **Harvard University. A.B., Environmental Science and Public Policy**

John Gardner Fellow

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Law Review Articles**

*Admiralty as Environmental Law*, 175 PENN. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2026).

*Salvaging Article III*, 59 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 961 (2025) (with Ryan Scott).

*Dirty Water: The Failure of TMDLs*, 55 ENVI. L. 1 (2025).

*Rethinking Environmental Disclosure*, 112 CAL. L. REV. 1535 (2024).

*Environmental Silver Bullets*, 49 ECOL. L. Q. 601 (2023).

*Regulating the Autonomous Ocean*, 88 BKLN. L. REV. 1 (2022).

Winner of Ian S. Kerr Robotnik Award for an Emerging Scholar, WeRobot 2021.

*Information as Power: Democratizing Environmental Data*, 2022 UTAH L. REV. 127 (2022).

*Transboundary Waters*, 44 HARVARD ENVTL. L. REV. 473 (2020).

*Secrets of the Deep: Defining Privacy Underwater*, 84 MO. L. REV. 47 (2019).

*The Litigation of Exploration*, 63 VILLANOVA L. REV. 241 (2018) (with Kenneth Broad)

*Putting the Public on Trial: Can Citizen Science Data be Used in Litigation and Regulation?*, 28 VILLANOVA ENVTL. L. J. 163 (2017).

## Works in Progress

*Sand Law*

## Casebook

OCEANS AND COASTAL LAW (6<sup>th</sup> ed., 2024) (with Alison Rieser, Donna Christie, and Sarah Adams-Schoen).

## Selected Shorter Articles, Book Chapters, and Briefs

Brief for Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants, *Global Marine Exploration v. Republic of France*, No. 24-10148-J (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. Apr. 9, 2024).

*US Perspectives on Autonomy*, in AUTONOMOUS VESSELS IN MARITIME AFFAIRS (VOL. 1) (2022).

*Leveraging Innovation for Ocean Conservation*, in THE OCEAN AND US (2022).

## Scientific Articles

M. Garren, F. Lewis, L. Sanchez, D. Spina, **A. Brett**, *How Performance Standards Could Support Innovation and Technology Compatible Fisheries Management Frameworks in the U.S.*, 131 MARINE POLICY 104631 (2021)

**A. Brett**, J. Leape and M. Abbott, *Ocean Data Need a Sea Change*, 582 NATURE 181 (8 June, 2020).

J. Leape, M. Abbott, H. Sakaguchi, **A. Brett**, L. Cao, K. Chand, Y. Golbuu, T. Martin, J.

Mayorga, and Mari S. Myksvoll *Technology, Data and New Methods for Sustainably Managing Ocean Resources*, WORLD RESOURCES INST. (2020).

**A. Brett**, *Ending Illegal Fishing: Data Policy and the Port State Measures Agreement*, WORLD ECON. FOR. (2019).

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2020-PRESENT)**

*Governance Tools for Water Management*, UF Water Institute Symposium (Feb. 2026)

*Admiralty as Environmental Law*, Early Environmental Law Scholars Workshop (Nov. 2025)

*Water, Data Centers, and the Law*, Infrastructure for Communities, Ecology for Data (ICED) Workshop on Water and Data (March 2025)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, University of Minnesota Faculty Workshop (Jan. 2025)

*Transforming Law School Education through LLMs*, AALS Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession (Jan. 2025)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, AALS Environmental Works-in-Progress (Jan. 2025)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, University of Maine Faculty Workshop (Oct. 2024)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, Vermont Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship (Sept. 2024)

*The Failure of TMDLs*, University of Florida Criser Faculty Workshop (Sept. 2024)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, Emerging Environmental Law Scholars Workshop (Sept. 2024)

*Environmental Law's Information Obsession*, Case Western Reserve Junior Scholars Forum (May 2024)

*AI and Environmental Law*, ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources Webinar (May 2024)

*AI, Environmental Data, and Climate Tech*, Florida International University Environment Forum (Feb. 2024)

*Rethinking Environmental Disclosure*, Southeastern Law Schools Junior/Senior Scholars Workshop (Dec. 2022)

*Rethinking Environmental Disclosure*, Vermont Law Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship (Sept. 2022)

*Rethinking Environmental Disclosure*, UCLA/UCSB Environmental Works in Progress Workshop (Aug. 2022)

*Rethinking Environmental Disclosure*, Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute (May 2022)

*Environmental Silver Bullets*, Faculty Workshop, George Washington University Law School (Apr. 2022)

*Environmental Silver Bullets*, Environmental Law Section Works in Progress, AALS (Jan. 2022)

*Environmental Silver Bullets*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (Aug. 2021)

*Evaluating TMDL Success*, The Clean Water Act at Fifty Symposium, Case Western Reserve School of Law (Mar. 2022)

*Regulating the Autonomous Ocean*, WeRobot, University of Miami School of Law (Sept. 2021)

*Information as Power: Democratizing Environmental Data*, Southeastern Environmental Law Scholars Colloquium (July 2021)

*Roger Revelle Annual Lecture Introductory Speaker*, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (May 2021)

*How Performance Standards Could Support Innovation and Technology Compatible Fisheries Management Frameworks in the U.S.*, Net Gains Alliance Seminar (Apr. 2020)

*Ocean Data Need a Sea Change*, MIT Open Ocean Seminar (Dec. 2020)

*Ocean Data Need a Sea Change*, OCTO Ecosystem-Based Management Webinar (Dec. 2020)

*Ocean Data Need a Sea Change*, EU International Ocean Governance Forum (July 2020)

## **NATIONAL SERVICE**

Committee Member, *Committee on New Coast Guard Authorities*, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (2022-2024)

Early Career Liaison, *U.S. National Committee to the U.N. Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development*, convened by the National Academy of Sciences (2021- 2023)

Committee Member, *Committee for Cross-Cutting Themes for the U.S. Contribution to the Ocean Decade*, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (2021-2022)

## **SELECTED EXPERIENCE**

**Stanford University Center for Ocean Solutions**

**World Economic Forum Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution**

Andre Hoffmann Fellow, 2018-2020

**Sailors for the Sea**

*Program Director*, 2011-2013

**Infinity Expeditions**

*Captain of S/V Infinity*, 2009-2011

## **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

State: Florida

Federal: United States Supreme Court

United State Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida