

Frank Piccininni

Education:

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY: J.D., *Cum Laude*, May 2014

Honors and Activities:

Citation of Excellence in Environmental and Natural Resources Law; William R. Ginsberg Memorial Environmental Law Fellow; NYS Bar Association, 2013 Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest Finalist; Dean's Certificates of Excellence (awarded for highest ranking in class section for both Torts and Civil Procedure); Dean's List Fall 2011, Spring 2013
Co-president of the Energy and Environmental Law Society; ABA Energy Infrastructure and Siting Committee, Vice Chair of Membership

Marshall University, Huntington, WV: M.S. in Biology, May 2008

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: B.S. in Wildlife Conservation, May 2005

Professional Experience:

President, Spadefoot Design and Construction, Huntington, NY Fall 2018-Present

Design and implement invasive species removal and revegetation plans without the use of herbicides

Conduct ecological restoration and adaptive management regimes

Design and construction of biologically-informed stormwater management infrastructure

Partner, SMPIL Consulting, Huntington, NY: Fall 2015-Present

Provide expert testimony for community and advocacy groups

Consulting to- and providing program development for- public and private organizations

Securing and administering grants, providing data analysis, and drafting policy advocacy solutions

Collaborating with real estate developers to inform their land use decisions with sustainable design and empirical data

Analyze environmental data with a combination of multivariate and spatial analyses

Analyze Stormwater Pollution Prevention Planning details relative to site-specific conditions

Publish recommendations for best management practices for long-term site stabilization and habitat restoration in peer-reviewed environmental journals

Design field studies to determine best practices for ecological function and local land stewardship

Chair of the Habitat Restoration Committee, Trustee, Save the Great South Bay, Sayville NY: Fall 2016-Present

Design and implement the "Bay Friendly Yards" program

Provide pro-bono consulting services to inform volunteer invasive species removal and ecological restoration efforts.

Regional Co-Director, NY State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, Long Island NY: Spring 2019-Present

Coordinate hand-pollination of LI Ecotype American Chestnuts

Raise American Chestnut Seedlings from hand-pollinated nuts

Establish American Chestnut mother orchards across Long Island

Co-Founder and Trustee, The Long Island Conservancy: Fall 2021-Present

Support local environmental organization, community groups, and individuals on stewardship of public land.

Senior Attorney and Account Executive, SterlingRisk Environmental Services, Woodbury NY: Spring 2014-Present

Marketing, negotiating, and placing numerous lines of coverage including environmental, professional, and general liability policies

Providing detailed analyses of Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments as it relates to environmental risk management and transfer

Providing comprehensive risk management solutions for industries such as manufacturers, real estate owners and managers, and equity firms

Hudson City Charter Advisory Seminar, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY: Spring 2014.

Worked closely with the City's Aldermen to develop a municipal conservation plan to reduce stormwater runoff through the installation of green infrastructure.

Research Assistant, North Shore Land Alliance, Old Westbury, NY: Spring 2012-Spring 2014.

Developed and implemented a gap analysis of Long Island's freshwater wetland ordinances;

Drafted and received a grant to purchase technology from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation;

Coordinated the accreditation process through the Land Trust Alliance and

Conducted extensive field vegetation surveys and drafted Conservation Easement Baseline Reports.

Research Assistant, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY: Spring 2012-Spring 2014.
Professors Katrina F. Kuh, Stefan Krieger, Ashira Ostrow, and James Sample:

Conducted data analysis for a quantitative research project on legal reasoning; legal writing, research and drafting and

Provided research memorandum on Federal and State environmental laws, focusing on the Clean Water Act.

Law Clerk, NYS Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau, New York, NY: Summer 2013.

Assisted in the defense of New York State regulatory policy and the implementation of Federal and State environmental laws and

Drafted extensive memorandums regarding the enforcement of the NYS Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits.

Legal Assistant, DiMascio and Associates, LLP, Garden City, NY: Fall 2010-Fall 2011.

Engaged in client contact and obtained extensive legal training through matrimonial and family law casework.

Research Assistant, University of Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL: Spring 2009-Fall 2009.

Developed and conducted field research on the Everglades Ecosystem; and

Analyzed the impact of stormwater runoff on the Everglades Ecosystem structure and function.

Research/Teaching Assistant, Marshall University, Huntington, WV: Fall 2006-Spring 2008.

Developed a detailed habitat survey including a multi-layered vegetation survey (i.e., herbaceous, shrub, and trees; voucher specimens available at the Marshall University Herbarium), and the measurement of microhabitat features such as burrow density and orientation, hydrological properties, litter depth, and soil biogeochemistry;

Measured reptile and amphibian relative abundance through the installation and monitoring of drift fences (silt fences);

Compared herpetological abundance measures to habitat features using several analyses including stepwise linear regressions, association tests (e.g., Spearman Rank Correlations), and a novel combination of Principle Components Analysis (an ordination-based method) and spatial analysis (i.e., Inverse Distance Weighting);

Identified biogeochemical feedback mechanisms and informed site-specific Best Management Practices;

Conducted field surveys for eastern hellbenders (*Cryptobranchus a. alleganiensis*), smooth green snakes (*Opheodrys vernalis*) and rough green snakes (*Opheodrys aestivus*) and for the federally threatened Cheat Mountain Salamander (*Plethodon nettingi*) in WV;

Spent over 1000 hours in the field and presented research results at numerous biological conferences.

Field Technician, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA: Fall 2005

Field technician for a metapopulation analysis of marbled salamanders (*Ambystoma opacum*).

Intern, Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Shirley, NY: Summer 2004

Conducted surveys and reported on the effectiveness of the application of larvicides on the Wertheim and Seatuck National Wildlife Refuges;

Coordinated survey efforts with Suffolk County Vector Control;

Conducted plant, bird and fish sampling to ascertain the impacts of impoundment of water on system

structure and function;

Participated in public meetings regarding the possibility of a controlled hunt of white tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) and

Regularly interacted with the public on behalf of the refuge staff.

Publications

Frank Piccininni & Marshall Haimson, *The Proliferation of Renewable Energy Energy Systems will Continue Irrespective of Federal Support*, forthcoming in the ENVTL. Claims J.

Frank Piccininni & Kristin Perret, *SMPIL Comments on the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan*, 36 NY Environmental Lawyer (2016); reprinted in the ENVTL. Claims J. (2016).

Howard Tollin, Frank Piccininni & Chang Liu, *Courts Uphold Denials of Coverage Even in the Absence of Mold, Lead, or Asbestos Exclusions*, 28 ENVTL. Claims J. (2016).

Frank Piccininni, *Small Parcels, Island Biogeography, And The Conservation Easement Tax Expenditure*, 8 ABA SMART GROWTH AND GREEN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER 1 (2015).

Frank Piccininni, *The Evolving "Nature" of Environmental Risk: A Responsible Approach for Commercial and Residential Real Estate*, 26 ENVTL. Claims J. 308 (2014).

Frank Piccininni and Adam Preller, *An Energy Policy in Fits and Starts: Using Feed in Tariffs to Encourage the Large Scale Deployment of Distributed Renewable Energy Systems*, 2 ABA ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SITING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER (2014).

Frank Piccininni, *Adaptation to Climate Change and the Everglades Ecosystem*, 26 ENVTL. Claims J. 63 (2014).