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SUMMARY

I am a lawyer, planner, researcher, mediator, and professional evaluator specializing in

- Planning for land use, climate change adaptation, hazard mitigation
 - Drafting contracts, policies, reports, articles, and outreach materials
 - Creating maps, graphics, videos, and forms
 - Representing clients on issues of indigenous rights and natural resources
 - Facilitating meetings and negotiations
 - Conducting interviews and social science research
 - Evaluating programs and research projects
 - Analysis and recommendations for human rights instruments
 - Conducting interviews and social science research
 - Finding ways to bridge community and traditional knowledge with Western science and law
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EDUCATION

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

GPA: 4.0

Ph.D., 2018

- Dissertation on Indigenous Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Planning, and Community Resilience
- East West Center Student Affiliate, Seminar Facilitator

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

GPA: 3.41

Juris Doctor, 2004

- Certificates in Environmental Law & Clinical Education
- Excellence for the Future Award in Comparative Environmental Law
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Exchange Student, University of Buenos Aires, 2002

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Master of Regional and City Planning, 2000

GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Environmental Science, Minor in Political Science, 1999

GPA: 3.86

- National Merit Scholar
 - Graduated with Special Distinction
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WORK EXPERIENCE

2020- Present **Adjunct, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University**

2012- Present **Ristroph Law, Planning, and Research (Sole Proprietorship)**

Clients have included the following:

- *Pacific Island Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji*: Write a brief on the role of community knowledges in climate mobility
- *The Wilderness Society, Anchorage, AK*: Research and draft language for novel Congressional bill to create inter-tribal Wilderness with indigenous stewardship
- *Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa, CA*: Work with crime advocacy program to create policies, procedures, forms, and graphics to standardize operating procedures, build capacity, and promote the program
- *Layla Hughes, Geneva, Switzerland*: Drafting for Special Rapporteur on Right to Development and Climate Change; recommendations for due diligence requirements for European based corporations;

recommendations for treaty on transnational corporations

- *Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, AK*: Build a climate change program that layers across existing programs and assists tribal villages with renewable energy and adaptation; provide legal advice
- *Huslia Tribe, AK*: Legal assistance with erosion control, managed retreat, and healthcare sovereignty
- *Louden Tribe, AK*: Litigate Indian Child Welfare Act case
- *Healy Lake Tribe, AK*: Legal assistance with business development, policies, and healthcare sovereignty
- *Office of Juan T. Lizama, Saipan, CNMI*: Write legal briefs for court cases in matters of first impression
- *Model Forest Policy Program*: Evaluate of planning documents for rural communities and tribes with recommendations to mainstream climate change adaptation and boost resilience to hazards; assisted with development of course on climate change adaptation
- *Newtok Tribe, AK*: Legal counsel, project management, and planning a community impacted by climate change and seeking relocation
- *University of Guam*: Through Sara Bolduc Evaluation and Planning, LLC, evaluate the Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Research
- *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Baton Rouge, LA*: Plan for coastal restoration, including creation of new land through river sediment diversion and evaluation of impacts to marine mammals; consideration of adaptive management
- *American Geophysical Union*: In partnership with Sara Bolduc Evaluation and Planning, LLC, evaluate the success of Thriving Earth Exchange (community science partnerships) as the program prepares to expand
- *Alaska Superior Court at Fairbanks*: Mediate child custody cases
- *Cheesh'na Tribe, AK*: Draft Hazard Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation Plan (approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency)
- *Allakaket Tribe, AK*: Legal counsel, project management, and planning; assist in participation as cooperating agency working with national agencies on environmental analysis for projects; lead program to prevent domestic violence; build tribal court
- *League of Women's Voters*: Submit brief in *Sinnok v. Alaska* (Our Children's Trust climate change litigation)
- *Wildlife Conservation Society*: Draft guidelines Arctic cruise ships to protect communities and wildlife, research on standards for oil and gas field remediation
- *Water Policy Consulting, LLC, Homer, AK*: Assist with completion of vulnerability assessments for west coast Alaska villages; training on climate change adaptation
- *American Society of Adaptation Professionals*: Facilitate Resilience Dialogues for Carlisle, PA; served as mentor for adaptation professionals
- *Arctic Athabaskan Council—Alaska*: Advise indigenous group on matters related to administration and participating in Arctic Council meetings
- *Pacific Environment, San Francisco, CA*: Work with Russian and Alaskan environmental groups and communities on conservation, climate change research, and Arctic shipping
- *Law Office of J. Sky Starkey, Anchorage, AK*: Research Native law and co-management issues
- *Harvey Consulting, LLC, Eagle River, AK*: Research, draft, and edit reports pertaining to oil and gas and inspections
- *World Wildlife Fund*: Research and draft paper on Arctic shipping

2014- **Researcher, National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, Honolulu, Hawaii**

2015

- Design courses on resilience, disaster planning, and climate change adaptation

- 2012-2014 **Arctic Program Representative, The Wilderness Society, Anchorage, Alaska**
- Conduct legal research and provided advice on natural resource law and federal land management
 - Draft legal memos and comments on proposed development plans and projects related to National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska and hydraulic fracturing
- 2011-2012 **Pro Bono Legal Specialist, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Manila, Philippines**
- Work with national agencies, courts, and legal organizations to implement government and justice sector reform efforts
 - Draft and edit reports, work plans, and articles for outreach and monitoring and evaluation
 - Analyze human rights agreements and constitutional provisions to assist with recommendation for an ASEAN Human Rights Declaration
- 2007 - 2011 **Assistant Borough Attorney, North Slope Borough, Utqiagvik, Alaska**
- Provide legal advice on environmental and natural resources law, planning, land use regulation, Native/tribal law, contracts, and municipal government issues
 - Draft new land use and zoning code, contracts, permit stipulations, forms, and policies
- 2005 - 2007 **Law Clerk, Northern Marianas Islands Superior Court, Saipan, Northern Marianas**
- Research and analyzed issues concerning corporate, criminal, probate, contract, and local traditional law
 - Draft memos and court opinions
- 2005 **Pro Bono Attorney, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**
- Review draft regulations and permit applications
 - Assist in drafting litigation documents
- 2005 **Consultant Attorney, Shroyer Legal Services, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**
- Review and analyze oil drilling contracts
- 2004 **Law Clerk, Smith Stag, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana**
- Draft petitions for large toxic tort cases
 - Reply to motions and discovery requests
- 2003 - 2004 **Student Attorney, Tulane Environmental Law Clinic, New Orleans, Louisiana**
- Research, write, and amend complaints, briefs, and motions
 - Initiate and respond to discovery requests, negotiated with opposing counsel
- 2003, 2002 **Editor and Law Clerk, Allan Kanner & Associates, New Orleans, Louisiana**
- Draft and edit sections of textbook, *Environmental and Toxic Trials*
 - Research legal issues related to environmental, tort, and contract cases
- 2000 **Planning Coordinator, Center for Business & Economic Development, Norman, Oklahoma**
- Organize initiative to implement Oklahoma's Scenic Byways Program

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS, AND GRANTS

- National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, Gulf Research Program, Committee on Managed Retreat (2022)
- Member, State Bar Associations of Louisiana (since 2004), Pennsylvania (since 2005), Alaska (since 2008)
- Treasurer, Tanana Valley Bar Association (2019)

- Principal in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sectoral Applications Research Program Grant NA16OAR4310122, "Indigenous Climate Change Adaptation: Policies and Processes that Help and Hinder Alaska Native Villages Address Flooding, Erosion, Species Shifts, and Disasters" (2016-2018)
- Member of Sustainable and Healthy Communities Subcommittee, Board of Scientific Counselors, Environmental Protection Agency (Appointed by Scott Pruitt in 2017)
- Member of American Society of Adaptation Professionals (since 2018)
- Certified Economically Disadvantaged Small-Woman Owned Business (since 2018)
- Researcher for National Science Foundation Grant No. 1414199, "Adaptive coupling of human-environment linkages in response to globally driven changes in subsistence in rural Alaska" (2016)
- Member of Alaska Resource Advisory Council, Bureau of Land Management (Appointed by Sally Jewell, 2014-2017)
- Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Young Scientists Program (2017-2018)

LANGUAGES

- Spanish** ● Strong reading, writing, listening, and speaking ability
- French** ● Good reading, listening, and speaking, fair writing ability
- Russian** ● Good listening and speaking; fair reading and writing ability

PUBLICATIONS

- Ristroph, E.B. 2022. "Human Rights Due Diligence: Why It Matters and Why It's Not Enough Without Access to Remedies for Human Rights Violations," *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce* 48.2: 417-434.
- Bolduc, S., J. Knox, and E.B. Ristroph. 2022. "Evaluating Team Dynamics in Interdisciplinary Science Teams: New Tools in Formative Assessment," *Higher Education Evaluation and Development* <https://doi.org/10.1108/HEED-10-2021-0069> (Sep. 13).
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- Ristroph, E.B. 2019. “Still Melting: How Climate Change and Subsistence Laws Constrain Alaska Native Village Adaptation.” *University of Colorado Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Review* 30(2):245-286.
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- Ristroph, E.B. 2019. “Improving Justice and Avoiding Colonization in Managing Climate Change-Related Disasters: A Case Study of Alaska Native Villages.” *American Indian Law Journal* 7(2):97-128.
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- Ristroph, E.B. 2019. “Addressing Climate Change Vulnerability in Alaska Native Villages Through Indigenous Community Knowledge.” *Sociology Study* 9(1):1-19.
- Ristroph, E.B. 2018. “Toward More Community Oriented and Collaborative Planning: A Case Study of Alaska Native Village Planning for Climate Change.” *Civil Engineering and Urban Planning* 5(2/3/4): 1-19.
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- Ristroph, E.B. 2014. "Loosening Lips to Avoid Sinking Ships: Designing a Ship Communications System for the Bering Strait Region." *Indiana International & Comparative Law Review* 24(3):581-664.
- Ristroph, E.B. 2012. "The Role of Philippine Judges in Establishing the Environmental Rule of Law." *Environmental Law Reporter News and Analysis* 42(9).
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- Rosenthal, L., Jones, J. and Ristroph, E.B. 1999. "Learning to Talk the Talk: Gender Differences in Adolescent Socialization to World Politics." *Oklahoma Politics* 8.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Pro bono assistance in probate, family, and immigration law and promoting women's rights
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Adobe Acrobat Professional
- Skills in SPSS and GIS