



Raya Salter

Energy and Climate Justice Attorney

Experienced Energy and Utilities Attorney, Author, Advocate and Storyteller.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Appointed Member

New York State Climate Action Council [↗](#)

12/2019 - Present

New York, NY

The Climate Action Council is tasked with planning New York State's just transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Achievements/Tasks

- Appointed by Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senate Majority Leader.

Policy Director

NY Renews Climate Justice Coalition [↗](#)

11/2019 - Present

New York, NY

NY Renews is a Coalition of over 200 Climate Justice organizations and the group behind the Nation's most ambitious and just climate law.

Principal Consultant

Imagine Power LLC

08/2015 - Present

New York, Hawaii and Oceania

Energy and Environmental Law and Policy Consultancy

Achievements/Tasks

- Spent 3 years based in Honolulu, Hawaii (now based in New York). [↗](#)
- Worked on climate justice projects in Hawaii and Oceania.
- Worked for the State of Hawaii as a legislative drafter (authored performance-based rates and microgram legislation).

Senior Attorney

The Natural Resources Defense Council

08/2013 - 08/2015

New York, New York

Achievements/Tasks

- Specialized in utility business model reform (represented NRDC in the "Reforming the Energy Vision" process) and energy efficiency equity.
- Designed, staffed and edited multi-state technical studies on energy efficiency and buildings
- Organized the "Energy Efficiency for All" coalition in New York and Pennsylvania

Adjunct Professor

Fordham University School of Law

01/2015 - 04/2015

New York, NY

Achievements/Tasks

- Taught "Energy and the Environment" in the Spring of 2015.

SPEAKING & STORYTELLING

Experienced public speaker, TV host, author and content creator. Author of "Energy Justice" (2018).

(WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.)

Regulatory Attorney

Environmental Defense Fund

09/2012 - 08/2013

New York, NY

Tasks/Achievements

- Advocated for smart grid and clean energy policy in New York, New Jersey, Illinois and California.

Associate

Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP

08/2008 - 07/2012

New York, NY

Tasks/Achievements

- Mergers & Acquisitions Associate specializing in energy and utilities regulation.

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law

New York, NY

08/2005 - 07/2008

Wesleyan University

Middletown, CT

08/1990 - 07/1994

HONORS

Climate Hero Award (04/2020 - Present)

Human Impacts Institute

- Honored for New York State climate advocacy.

ORGANIZATIONS

Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)

(09/2020 - Present)

Member, Board of Directors

Evergreen Action (07/2020 - Present) [↗](#)

Advisory Board Member

IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law

(09/2019 - Present) [↗](#)

Project Coordinator, Energy Transitions Programme

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "It is Hurricane Season and Hawaii has Every Reason to Worry," ThinkNBC, March 2019.
- Editor and contributor, "Energy Justice, US and International Perspectives," New Frontiers in Energy Law Series, Edward Elgar, 2018.
- Contributing author and project manager, "Energy Efficiency Potential in Affordable Housing," Natural Resources Defense Council, May 2015.
- Raya Salter, "Tracking the Value of Smart Grid in Illinois and Beyond," ElectricityPolicy.com, April 2014.
- Raya Salter and Ashley Brown, "Can Smart Grid Technology Fix the Disconnect Between Wholesale and Retail Pricing?" The Electricity Journal, Vol. 24, Issue 1, 2010.
- Raya Salter and Ashley Brown, "Smart Grid Issues in State Law and Regulation," a white paper for the Galvin Electricity Initiative, 2010.

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- American Bar Association, Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section, "Climate Change and the Changing Generation Mix," October 2020.
- Sabin Center for Climate Change Law Summer Speaker Series, "Current Issues in Climate Law," June 2020.
- Harvard Electricity Policy Group Plenary, "Trends in the Environmental Movement," Dove Mountain, Arizona, November 2019.
- Featured expert, Verizon Humanability ad, "Why Hawaii Acts on Climate," Honolulu, HI, August 2018.
- Hawaii Energy Law & Finance Conference, "Distributed Generation," Honolulu, HI, July 21, 2017.
- Hawaii VERGE Conference, "Hot Topics in New Utility Business Models," Honolulu, HI, June 2016.
- Legal and Professional Education Seminar, "Hawaii's 100% Renewable Energy Vision: Developments in Law and Policy," Honolulu, HI, May 2016.
- Maui Utilities Conference, "The Changing Utility Regulatory Compact," Maui, Hawaii, March 2015.