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Laura is uniquely qualified as a lawyer and environmental advisor, specializing in climate change law and policy. She has expertise in legal and political analysis and strategic research. She has experience communicating environmental and climate change developments in writing and orally for lay and academic audiences. As a trained presenter of Al Gore's famous slideshow on climate change and through her experience working in the public and private sectors she is skilled at communicating the science and policy of these complex issues and able to provide a fresh legal and strategic perspective.

### Work Experience

Zizzo Climate Law <i>Sole Practitioner</i>	2009-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practicing environmental and climate change law</li><li>• Providing climate change consulting and advisory services</li></ul>	
Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, Toronto, Ontario <i>Associate, Articling Student, Summer Law Student</i>	2006-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practiced primarily with Environmental Law National Practice Group</li><li>• Advised clients on litigation, corporate and environmental law matters including regulatory compliance, contract advice, environmental assessments and related issues, with focus on climate change related initiatives</li><li>• Worked on greenhouse gas emissions credits and trading projects and other international environmental law and environmental law matters</li><li>• Member of the firm's energy and climate change industry groups</li><li>• Contributed significantly to environmental and climate change law marketing and newsletter materials, writing on legal and policy developments in Canada and globally</li></ul>	
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Toronto, Ontario <i>Research Assistant</i>	2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with Professor Brunnée and Professor Green on multiple topics including: environmental tax incentives/subsidies and climate change policies; constitutional implications of climate change legislation; US/Canada environmental irritants (Devils Lake, Trail Smelter)</li><li>• Provided research and writing support in the form of memos, annotated bibliographies and summaries to aid professors with research papers</li><li>• Extensively researched environmental law programs around North America</li><li>• Drafted promotional material for the Environmental Law Program, creating content for a new portal of the Faculty's website</li></ul>	
Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2003-2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led tutorials for first year students, assessed tutorial presentations and marked assignments</li></ul>	
Ontario Ministry of Finance; Strategic Research Division, Toronto, Ontario <i>Research Assistant</i>	2002-2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spent nine months working full time as researcher</li><li>• Researched and wrote reports related to Ministry of Finance issues such as international trade and globalization, public private partnerships, innovation clusters, water filtration and waste water management</li><li>• Collaborated with scholars on projects regarding research and development spending analysis, healthcare cost drivers, comparative worker productivity</li><li>• Conducted comparative analysis and wrote report on environmental tax incentives</li></ul>	
Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Project, Ancaster, Ontario	2001

*Landowner Contact Technician*

- Educated landowners of significant property about watershed stewardship, reported to Conservation Authority, recruited landowners to sign watershed stewardship contracts

Education and Awards

Called to the Bar of the Province of Ontario	2008
Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successfully Completed Skills and Professional Responsibilities Program</li></ul>	
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law/Centre for Environment, Toronto, Ontario	2004-2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Juris Doctor</i>, Convocation June 2007</li><li>• Combined program, JD/Certificate in Environmental Studies</li></ul>	
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario	2000-2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Environmental Studies (B.E.S.) Honours</li><li>• Environment and Resource Studies</li><li>• International Studies Option</li><li>• Dean's Honour List</li></ul>	
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University), Melbourne, Australia	2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Study Abroad Student Exchange in Environmental Studies</li></ul>	

Volunteer and Extra-Curricular Activities

Climate Change Lawyers Network (Toronto)	2008-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-Founder and Co-Chair</li><li>• Providing a forum to link, educate and mobilize lawyers interested in climate change</li></ul>	
The Climate Project – Canada	2008-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selected to be authorized presenter of Al Gore's slide show featured in the movie <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i></li><li>• Communicating climate change science and solutions to audiences in Canada and the United States</li><li>• Attended training with Mr. Gore <i>et al</i>, April 2008 in Montreal, Quebec</li><li>• Attended North American Summit with Mr. Gore <i>et al</i>, May 2009 in Nashville, Tennessee</li></ul>	
Canadian Youth Delegation to United Nations Climate Change Conferences	2007-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentor to Canadian Youth Delegation to Poznan, attended United Nations Climate Change Convention in Poznan, Poland - December, 2008</li><li>• Member of Canadian Youth Delegation to Bali, attended United Nations Climate Change Convention in Bali, Indonesia - November-December, 2007</li><li>• Co-Chair of the Policy Working Group, wrote policy positions, attended negotiations, contributed to global youth policy statements and interventions</li><li>• Collaborated and liaised with youth and leaders from around the world</li><li>• Active in youth and development initiatives</li></ul>	
Journal of International Law and International Relations (JILIR), University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and Munk Centre for International Studies	2006-2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Editor-in-Chief for the 2006-2007 academic year</li><li>• Facilitated release of two issues of the JILIR, including a special issue on International Security</li><li>• Ensured that JILIR's mandate included discussion of environmental issues, and was sustainable into the future, increasing readership and subscribership</li></ul>	
Environmental Law Club, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law	2004-2007

- Club Chair and member, facilitating communication, organize speaker series, working groups and other events
- Downtown Legal Services, Family Law Division 2004-2007
- Handled criminal files, acted as volunteer counsel for clients
- Law Follies, University of Toronto Faculty of Law 2005, 2006
- Participated in advanced hip-hop dance for performance of "Wizard of Laws"
- Pro Bono Students Canada, Environmental Bureau of Investigation, Toronto 2004-2005
- Re-writing/editing second edition of Citizen's Guide to Environmental Investigation and Prosecution
- Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy, Toronto 2002-2003
- Assisted in research and report preparation for specific projects
- Village Orientation Committee, University of Waterloo, Waterloo 2001-2004
- Introduced First Year University students to UW, acted as mentor and guide
- St. Thomas More Peer Mediation Program, founder and participant 1996-2000
- Assisted in student conflict resolution and received Peer Mediation award
- Tivoli Theatre, Hamilton 2000
- Cast member in Semi-Professional Production of the Musical "Hair"

#### Publications

- *Environment @ Gowlings* and *Climate Change @Gowlings*, various contributions to online newsletter in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009
- *Environews – Ontario Bar Association Environmental Law Section Newsletter* - various contributions in 2007, 2008 and 2009
- *ReNew Magazine* – March/April 2008 Article on the UN Climate Change Convention and opportunities for business
- *ReNew Magazine*, – January/February 2008 – acted as correspondent reporting on UN Climate Change Conference
- *Canadian Water Treatment Magazine*- September/October 2006 "Legal Watch: Environmental Consultant Convicted and Fined Under Fisheries Act"
- *Journal of International Law and International Relations* – Co-author of "Editors Note: International Law, International Relations and the "War on Terror". Volume 3, Number 1 (Spring 2007)

#### Speaking Engagements

- *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emissions Trading Conference* – April 21-22, 2009 – Update on Ontario Climate Change Initiatives

#### Interests and Activities

- Environment and trade issues, international issues, current events and politics
- Travel and exposure to different cultures
- Physical fitness, disciplined dance, Yoga and Pilates