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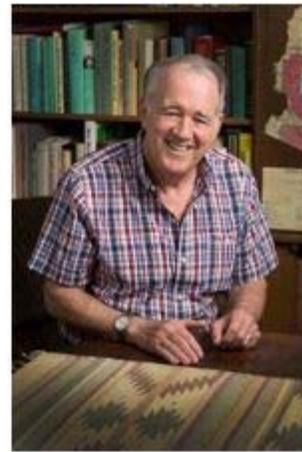
The **Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center (NRULPC)**, a collaboration of the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' (CALs) Cooperative Extension System (CES), is expanding its outreach program.

The Center, established in 2015, was the first of its kind in the nation. The overarching aims include collaborating with stakeholders, and mentoring student clinicians and fellows, to provide scholarly legal and policy analysis and to address the currently unmet legal needs of ranchers, farmers, miners and others whose business involves the use of natural resources. With the creation of the NRULPC, the University of Arizona offers a resource as well as a model to the agricultural community across the United States. Newly appointed Co-Directors, George Ruyle, Ph.D. and John Lacy, Esq., are committed to further strengthening this innovative program.

Introducing NRULPC Co-Directors



George Ruyle is a professor and Extension Specialist in the CALS School of Natural Resources and the Environment. He also holds the Marley Endowed Chair for Sustainable Rangeland Stewardship. Professor Ruyle is an internationally renowned expert on appropriate and rational long-term natural resource use specializing in the sustainability of socio-ecological agricultural systems. Stewardship of Public Lands Video: <https://youtu.be/rJufvPRpduY>



John Lacy, Esq. is currently director of the Global Mining Law Center and longtime professor of practice at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law. Professor Lacy is shareholder in the firm of DeConcini, McDonald, Yetwin, & Lacy P.C., where his practice has focused on mining and natural resource law.

Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic

The collaboration includes a Natural Resource Use and Management Public Interest Law Clinic affiliated with the NRULPC to provide a mechanism for client advocacy in addition to the three classical land-grant university missions of education, research and cooperative extension. The Clinic will also provide educational and research opportunities in real-world situations for law and CALS students

Bethany Sullivan, Esq. Selected as Clinic Director

Bethany Sullivan, Esq. is a former Attorney-Advisor with the Office of the

Solicitor at the United States Department of the Interior. Her portfolio at Interior centered on litigation and regulatory advising concerning Native American and natural resource law and policy issues. Professor Sullivan is a 2011 alumna of the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.



The Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic will provide students with practical experience in the intersection of law, policy, and science governing natural resource use and management. The Clinic will offer law students the opportunity to work with the scientific expertise housed in CALS, as well as in the Global Mining Law Center and other scientific and public health departments within the University. Students will also work with such natural resource use communities in Arizona as agriculture, grazing, forestry, mining, as well as tribal and individual native users. The Clinic's aim is to forge collaborative solutions to sustainable natural resource use in the American West, while providing students with experiential and scholarly learning in environmental, administrative, and natural resource law. Projects may include participating in state and federal rulemaking processes, drafting white papers to advise on public lands issues, working with individuals to navigate permitting procedures, and filing amicus briefs in state and federal litigation. The Clinic may, in appropriate circumstances, also provide direct legal representation for natural resource user clients to provide comments on proposed regulations or direct legal actions in judicial or administrative forums challenging improper regulations or improper enforcement of regulations.

Introducing Additional NRULPC Staff



NRULPC's Academic Courses

One of the NRULPC's major goals is to promote law as a career options to students working on degrees associated with natural resource use. The first class for undergraduate students (in CALS, the Rogers College, and any other UA College) is "**ACBS/LAW 411: An Introduction to Agricultural Law and Policy for the Modern Day Natural Resource User**". This course, which is shared between CALS' School of Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences and the Rogers College, will be primarily co-taught by Richard Morrison, Esq. and Joe Willis, Esq. Celeste Steen, Esq. is the instructor of record. Ms. Steen is UA's legal counsel responsible for all CALS land contracts as well as a Rogers College professor of practice.

Additionally, John Lacy is developing a course entitled "Resource Use on Public Lands" which will be offered as part of the Global Mining Law Program in the Rogers College and also available to CALS students.

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