

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sovereign Geographic

Asheville, NC

Owner

2000 – present

- Providing legal services, geographic analysis, and custom cartography to governments and private entities regarding territorial sovereignty and maritime boundary issues;
- Supporting government clients in international boundary negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and adjudication, including before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and *ad hoc* tribunals;
- Assisting coastal states with submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

International Maritime Boundaries

Asheville, NC

Editor

2011-present

- Overseeing print and online production of “*the ultimate guide to international maritime boundaries*”

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P.

Washington, DC

Adviser

1998-1999

- Provided geographic and historic analysis for International Boundary Practice Group

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

- Acting as counsel and adviser in three cases pending before the International Court of Justice.
- *Application for Revision of Judgment of 23 May 2008 in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore)* (*Malaysia v. Singapore*), International Court of Justice (Counsel to Malaysia)
- *Request for Interpretation of Judgment of 23 May 2008 in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore)* (*Malaysia v. Singapore*), International Court of Justice (Counsel to Malaysia).
- *Land Boundary in the Northern Part of Isla Portillos (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)*, International Court of Justice (Counsel to Costa Rica)
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)*, International Court of Justice (Counsel to Costa Rica)
- *Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean (Bolivia v. Chile)*, International Court of Justice (Adviser to Chile)
- *Maritime Dispute (Peru v. Chile)*, International Court of Justice (Special Adviser to Chile)
- *Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal*, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Counsel to Myanmar)
- *Aerial Herbicide Spraying (Ecuador v. Colombia)*, International Court of Justice (Adviser to Ecuador)
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia)*, International Court of Justice (Lead Counsel to Costa Rica, Application to Intervene)
- *Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria: Equatorial Guinea intervening)*, International Court of Justice (Technical Expert for Equatorial Guinea)
- *Guyana/Suriname (Maritime Boundary)*, arbitral tribunal under Annex VII of UNCLOS (Adviser to Suriname)
- *Newfoundland and Labrador/Nova Scotia (Maritime Boundary)*, *ad hoc* arbitral tribunal (Adviser to Newfoundland and Labrador)

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, LL.M. International Law (*cum laude*)

Duke University School of Law, J.D. (*cum laude*)

University of Washington School of Marine Affairs, M.M.A. Marine Policy

Duke University, B.A. Cultural Anthropology (*magna cum laude*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yeosu Law of the Sea Academy

Lecturer

Courses: Maritime Delimitation, Continental Shelf

Yeosu, Korea

2018, 2019

Duke Law School

Lecturing Fellow

Courses: Law of the Sea, International Environmental Law

Durham, NC

F06, S09, S10, S11

Wake Forest Law School

Adjunct Professor

Courses: International Environmental Law

Winston-Salem, NC

F08

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *The Modern Political Map of our Ocean Planet*, 25(2) BROWN J. OF WORLD AFFAIRS 51 (2019).
- *The Provisional Delimitation Line: Successfully Charting a Course between Objectivity and Subjectivity?* in THE CASE LAW ON MARITIME BOUNDARY DELIMITATION – CONSISTENCY AND PREDICTABILITY OR INCONSISTENCIES AND UNCERTAINTY? 200 (Alex Oude Elferink *et al.* eds., 2018).
- *Baselines*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON THE LAW OF THE SEA 69 (Don Rothwell *et al.* eds., 2015).
- *Why Litigate A Maritime Boundary? Some Contributing Factors*, in LITIGATING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES: WEIGHING THE OPTIONS 230 (Natalie Klein ed., 2014).
- *Continental Shelf Delimitation Issues beyond 200 Nautical Miles*, in 6 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARIES 4119, 4139 (David A. Colson & Robert W. Smith eds., 2011).
- *Dispute Regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)*, 104 AM. J. INT'L L. 454 (2010).
- *Abyei Arbitration (Sudan/Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army)*, 104 AM. J. INT'L L. 66 (2010).
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Rom. v. Ukr.)*, 103 AM. J. INT'L L. 543 (2009).
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Rom. v. Ukr.)*, 48 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 691 (2009).
- *Finding the Right Fit: One Design Element in the International Groundwater Management Regime*, 19 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 413 (2009).
- *Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malay./Sing.)*, 102 AM. J. INT'L L. 828 (2008).
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute between Nicaragua and Honduras in the Caribbean Sea (Nicar. v. Hond.)*, 102 AM. J. INT'L L. 113 (2008).
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicar. v. Colom.)*, Preliminary Objections, 47 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 1 (2008).
- *Tomimaru (Japan v. Russ.)*, 46 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 1183 (2007).
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute between Nicaragua and Honduras in the Caribbean Sea (Nicar. v. Hond.)*, 46 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 1050 (2007).
- *Tripoint Issues in Maritime Boundary Delimitation*, in 5 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARIES 3199, 3305 (David A. Colson & Robert W. Smith eds., 2005).
- *Newfoundland and Labrador-Nova Scotia: The Latest 'International' Maritime Boundary*, 34 OCEAN DEVELOPMENT & INT'L L. 83 (2003).
- *The Technical Aspects of International Maritime Boundary Delimitation, Depiction, and Recovery*, 28 OCEAN DEVELOPMENT & INT'L L. 167 (1997).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *Submarine Cables and Pipelines under International Law*, moderator, ABILA International Law Weekend, virtual (October 23, 2020);
- *Is UNCLOS Still Fit for Purpose?* panelist, ABILA International Law Weekend, New York, NY (October 12, 2019);
- “Delimitation of the Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles,” discussant, conference hosted by Korean Society of International Law, Seoul, Korea (June 29, 2017);
- *The Regime of Islands in the Aftermath of the South China Sea Arbitration*, panel moderator, Annual Meeting of American Society of International Law, Washington, DC (April 14, 2017);
- *The Provisional Equidistance Line*, workshop hosted by KG Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, Tromsø, Norway (May 25-26, 2016);
- *ITLOS and Delimitation Beyond 200 M*, ITLOS at 20, roundtable hosted by London Centre of International Law Practice, London, UK (May 23, 2016);
- “Maritime Jurisdiction in the Arctic,” K&L Gates Arctic Development Event, Washington, DC (Oct. 6, 2015);
- “Islands in International Maritime Delimitation,” North Carolina Bar Association, International Law and Practice Section, Charlotte, North Carolina (Dec. 12, 2014);
- “Arctic Shipping: Opportunities for US-Canada Cooperation,” *Arctic Change 2014*, ArcticNet, Ottawa, Canada (Dec. 11, 2014);
- “Arctic Maritime Boundary Delimitation,” *The Trans-Arctic Agenda*, IIA/CAPS University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland (Oct. 29, 2014);
- “Baselines and Coastal Change: Creating Stability or Adding to the Chaos,” International Law Weekend, ABILA panel, New York, NY (Oct. 24, 2014);
- “‘Disputes’ before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf,” *The Dispute Settlement System of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: An Assessment after 20 Years*, ILA/ASIL panel, Washington, DC (Apr. 11, 2014);
- *Legal Aspects of the Continental Shelf Outer Limits*, workshop hosted by Japan Hydrographic Association, Tokyo, Japan (Mar. 24-25, 2014);
- *Maritime Delimitation Case Law*, IFLOS Summer Academy, ITLOS, Hamburg, Germany (July 26, 2013);
- *South China Sea Territorial Disputes*, roundtable discussion hosted by Columbia Law School, New York, NY (Nov. 1, 2012);
- *Evidence in Boundary Dispute Resolution*, training workshop hosted by International Boundary Research Unit (IBRU), Durham, UK (Apr. 15-18, 2012);
- *Resolving Outstanding Arctic Issues*, workshop funded by Arctic-Net, Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada (Mar. 2-4, 2012);
- *Resolving Arctic Boundary Disputes*, workshop funded by Arctic-Net, Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada (Mar. 11-13, 2011);
- “International Legal Issues in the Arctic Ocean,” *Where to Now? Current Events and Future Trends in the World’s Hydrocarbon Hotspots*, convened by Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, Galveston, TX (Apr. 22-23, 2010);
- “Boundary Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf,” *Oil and Gas Arbitration*, convened by International Centre for Dispute Resolution and Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, Houston, TX (Apr. 19-21, 2010);
- “Machias Seal Island: The United States-Canada Island Sovereignty Dispute in Light of Recent International Decisions,” *Shared Borders and Dividing Lines: A Century of Canada-US Territorial and Boundary Disputes*, convened by Faculté de droit, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada (Dec. 10-11, 2009);
- *International Dokdo Symposium*, sponsored by Washington Coalition for Dokdo Island, Washington, DC (May 7, 2009);
- *50 Years of Jessup: Reflections on the Past, Visions of the Future*, convened by International Law Students Association, Washington, DC (Mar. 27, 2009);
- *Law of the Sea and the United States: Hot Topics*, convened by American Society of International Law, Law of the Sea Interest Group, Washington, DC (Mar. 27, 2009);
- “Finding the Right Fit: One Design Element in the International Groundwater Management Regime,” *Local Property, Global Justice: Law and Resources in the Era of Climate Change*, presented by Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law, Durham, NC (Jan. 30, 2009);
- *Model U.S./Canada Negotiation on Northern Waters*, hosted by the International Joint Commission (Canada

Section), Ottawa, Canada (Feb. 18-19, 2008);

- “Delimited, Undelimited, and Disputed Maritime Boundaries of the Caribbean,” *International Border Dispute Resolution: Mitigating Risk to Oil and Gas Projects*, organized by Platts/Center for Business Intelligence, Houston, TX (Sept. 13-14, 2004);
- “Lines in the Sea: Maritime Boundary Delimitation and the International Court of Justice,” International Law Society lecture series, Duke University Law School, Durham, NC (Oct. 7, 2003);
- “Maritime Boundaries: A Global Overview,” *International Boundaries and Offshore Oil & Gas Development*, convened by LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, Houston, TX (Sept. 22, 2003);
- “Equatorial Guinea-Nigeria Unitization Protocol: A New Paradigm in the Exploitation of Transboundary Hydrocarbon Resources,” *Meeting at the Border: New Issues in Cross Border Research*, convened by the Southern Center for International Studies, Atlanta, GA (May 22-24, 2002);
- “The United States’ Role in the Live Reef Fish Trade,” *Impacts of Destructive Fishing Practices on the Marine Environment*, convened by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Marine Resources Conservation Working Group, Hong Kong, China (Dec. 16-18, 1997);
- “The Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment Program,” *Environmental Aspects of Responsible Fisheries*, convened by the Asia-Pacific Fisheries Commission, Seoul, Korea (Oct. 15-18, 1996).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of International Law (ASIL), Founding Co-Chair, Law of the Sea Interest Group (2009-2012)
- International Law Association (ILA), Rapporteur, Committee on Baselines (2009-2012)
- American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), Chair, Law of the Sea Committee (2018-present)
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law of the Sea Committee
- Fulbright Specialist Program, Roster Candidate, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (2008-2013)
- Pisgah Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney (2010-present)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish (limited working proficiency); Mandarin Chinese (elementary proficiency)

GEOGRAPHIC/CARTOGRAPHIC SOFTWARE SKILLS

MapInfo, Map Publisher, Adobe Illustrator, DELMAR, Geographic Calculator