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Darrell Fruth maintains a complex litigation and counseling practice with a focus on intellectual property and environmental law. Darrell is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and has experience litigating patent, copyright, and trademark matters. He is also a registered professional engineer (P.E.) with experience representing clients on a range of environmental and land use issues that include CERCLA, the Clean Water Act and Climate Change regulation.

Prior to joining Brooks Pierce, Darrell clerked for a federal district court judge and practiced at a firm in San Francisco.

Teaching

- Adjunct Professor, Environmental Law, Elon University School of Law
- Instructor, Philosophy Course Focusing on Environmental Ethics and Philosophy of Law, University of Nevada, Reno, 2001

Practice Areas

Environmental
Intellectual Property & Technology
Sustainability

Education

Yale, J.D., 2000, Essays Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*, 1998-99
University of California at Berkeley, M.S., Environmental Engineering, 1995
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, S.B., Environmental Engineering Science, 1994

Articles

- *Adjusting Carbon Management Policies to Encourage Renewable, Net-Negative Projects Such as Biochar Sequestration*, William Mitchell Law Review, Vol 36, Issue 3 (2010)
- *Economic and Institutional Constraints to Privatizing Government Information Technology Services*, 13 Harv.J.Law & Tech 521 (2000)
- Co-Author, *Developing a New Water Resource from Oilfield Produced Water*, presented at American Water Works Association Water Resources Conference, Seattle, WA, 1997
- Co-Author, *Evaluation of Technologies to Treat Oil Field Produced Water to Drinking Water or Reuse Quality*, presented at Society of Petroleum Engineers Annual Technical Conference & Exposition, San Antonio, TX, 1997
- Co-Author, *A River Basin Based Method to Estimate Arsenic Occurrence in California Surface Waters*, poster presented at American Water Works Association Water Quality & Technology Conference, Boston, MA, 1996

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

- Seminar, "Legal Developments Affecting Green Building: From Cap-and-Trade to Stimulus Grants," Commercial Real Estate Sustainable Forum (Greensboro, 2010)
- Seminar, "Are Genes Patentable?," American Bar Association Intellectual Property Roundtable (Raleigh, 2010)
- Presenter, "From Copenhagen to Greensboro: Green Market Opportunities for Businesses," Greensboro Chamber of Commerce (2009)
- Seminar, "The Role of Patent Remedies and Antitrust Law in Dealing with 'Patent Holdups,'" American Bar Association Intellectual Property Roundtable (Greensboro, 2009)
- Presenter, Annual Meeting of NCBA's Section on Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources (Asheville and New Bern, 2007-2008)
- Panelist, "File Sharing After Napster: Is the DMCA Working?," American Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Meeting, Copyright Committee, Washington, DC, 2003
- Moderator, "Is the Doctrine of Equivalents Still Viable?," ABA Intellectual Property Round Table, San Francisco, CA, 2003

Professional & Community Activities

- Council member, Environmental Section, North Carolina Bar Association
- Pro Bono Chair, Intellectual Property Section, North Carolina Bar Association

Publications

- Adjusting Carbon Management Policies To Encourage Renewable, Net-Negative Projects Such As Biochar Sequestration

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District, North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California