

DIMPLE CHAUDHARY

(b) (6)

EXPERIENCE

2013-present **NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC)**, Washington, DC
Deputy Litigation Director, 2020-21; Managing Litigator, 2018-20; Senior Attorney, 2013-2018

Manages a team of more than forty litigators and paralegals at leading environmental advocacy organization with 700+ staff. Serves as lead counsel in litigation matters.

Management responsibilities include hiring and supervision of staff, budget management, coordinating with internal and external experts on policy and litigation, assisting with institutional agenda-setting, identifying litigation priorities, and designing legal strategy. NRDC litigators have filed more than 100 lawsuits against the Trump administration over its rollbacks of health and environmental protections, winning more than 90% of the cases that have been resolved.

Litigation responsibilities include serving as lead counsel in public interest environmental cases on behalf of NRDC and community clients, with a focus on environmental justice and public health. Leads case teams that include attorneys, paralegals, experts, and other staff in all aspects of litigation including case development, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, oral argument, trial, settlement, public and legislative outreach, budgeting, and press strategy.

Representative matters include:

- ***Concerned Pastors for Social Action et al. v. Khouri, et al. (E.D. Mich. 2016)***. Lead counsel in Safe Drinking Water Act case filed in federal district court on behalf of community groups and residents in Flint, Michigan, in response to lead contamination in Flint's drinking water. Case resulted in a preliminary injunction ordering city and state officials to provide tap water filters and door-to-door bottled water delivery to Flint residents. Won a \$100 million settlement requiring the removal of Flint's lead service lines within three years, faucet filter installation and maintenance, and independent monitoring of residents' tap water for lead. Under settlement terms, the City of Flint has excavated more than 25,000 water service lines and replaced nearly 10,000 made of lead or galvanized steel.
- ***Public Utility Commission v. Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (Pa. PUC 2019)***. Lead counsel for a coalition of faith, environmental, and labor advocates in Pittsburgh in state proceeding to evaluate the city water authority's response to lead contamination. Won a settlement that controls how water authority will spend nearly \$50 million to safely remove lead service lines including by requiring utility to: replace all lead service lines by 2026; prioritize neighborhoods with low-income and at-risk residents; and

create a community advisory board for consultation with on all aspects of program.

- ***In re Reckitt Benckiser, LLC et al. (proceedings before EPA Administrator 2013)***. Lead counsel for environmental justice advocates and nonprofit groups in a case against a corporate manufacturer that successfully removed from the market a rodent poison that posed a health risk to children.
- ***NRDC v. FDA et al. (S.D.N.Y 2010)***. Lead counsel in negotiation of a consent decree with the Food and Drug Administration requiring the issuance of an administrative rule regulating the use of triclosan, a harmful chemical, in consumer products.

2008-2012 **WILMER HALE LLP**, Boston, MA and Washington, DC
Senior Associate

Represented institutional and individual clients in complex civil litigation. Experience included managing complex discovery, drafting briefs, arguing motions, examining witnesses at trial, taking and defending depositions. Advised multi-national company in federal government investigation. Served as member of diversity committee. Representative matters include:

- ***Ford v. Bender et al.*** (D. Mass. 2007). Represented pro bono client in summary judgment, trial, and appeal in a civil rights dispute alleging unlawful detention in solitary confinement at a state prison as a pretrial detainee.
- ***Palomar Medical Technologies, Inc., et al. v. Tria Beauty, Inc.*** (D. Mass. 2009), ***Palomar Medical Technologies, Inc., et al. v. Syneron, Inc.*** (D. Mass. 2008). Represented technology company in complex civil litigation involving contractual and intellectual property disputes.

Spring 2007 **FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY
Adjunct Professor of Law

Taught seminar entitled “Environmental Law and Justice.” Instructed students on theories of environmental justice with a focus on practical application in litigation and community advocacy. Coordinated student externship placements at non-profit groups.

2005-2007 **NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL**, New York, NY
Urban Legal Fellow

Conducted federal litigation in cases involving public health, resource protection, and governmental transparency. Drafted briefs, prepared legal memoranda, performed research. Assisted in designing trial strategy for suit against major oil company. Worked with community coalitions on policy projects related to drinking water protection and solid waste disposal.

CLERKSHIP

2007-2008 **U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NY**, New York, NY
Law Clerk to the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon

EDUCATION

- 2002-2005 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY
Juris Doctor. Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Robert Noxan Toppan Prize in Constitutional Law; Alfred A. Forsyth Prize in Environmental Law; Human Rights Internship Award; Thomas Scheuer Fellow in Public Interest Law.
Activities: *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* (Articles Editor); Columbia Environmental Law Clinic; Research Assistant to Professor Jack Greenberg; Political Asylum Project; South Asian Law Students Association.
- 2001-2002 **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, London, England
Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning Studies, with distinction.
Master's dissertation: "Urban Diaspora: The Formation and Implication of Indian Ethnic Enclaves."
- 1997-2001 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, MA
Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies, *magna cum laude*. Senior honors thesis: "Growing from the Grassroots: Democratic Participation in the Self-Employed Women's Association of Ahmedabad, India. Honors: Harvard College Scholarship; Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship; Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Research Fellow; Asia Center Fellow. Activities: Institute of Politics; *Harvard Political Review*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Emerging Contaminants: A Trial Lawyer's Discussion," November 2019, Environmental Litigation 2019 – American Law Institute
- "The Safe Drinking Water Act, Overview and Update," June 2017, Environmental Regulation 2017: Hot Topics, Regulatory Developments, and Practical Guidance for Corporate Compliance – Practising Law Institute
- "What's in the Water?" April, 2017, Hot Topics in Toxic Torts and Environmental Law – American Bar Association
- "The Color of Water: A Teach-in on Flint, Michigan," March 2016 – George Washington University

PUBLICATIONS

Dimple Chaudhary, Albert Huang, and Patrice Simms, Making Environmental Justice a National Priority, Responsive Philanthropy (Summer 2006), <https://www.ncrp.org/publication/making-environmental-justice-national-priority>.

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia (2011); Massachusetts (2009); New York (2006). U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia (2013); U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (2016); U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit (2012); U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (2006); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York (2007); U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts (2009); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (2015).