

## Education and Outreach *Visiting Law Professor*

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**Description:** Two-year Visiting Scholar at the College of Law researching the interface between land use law and innovative energy solutions and delivering academic symposia and graduate student seminars on the research scope, comprising Sustainable Energy Research Project (SERP) within Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

**Budget:** \$79,879

**Universities:** Florida State University, College of Law

### Executive Summary

During the reporting period completed a second lengthy written work: *The Renewable Energy Footprint*. This article is the first to take a critical view of existing and emerging siting frameworks in light of the millions of acres that energy development will consume over the coming decades. The piece builds on Ms. Outka's state-level analysis of the first article, *Siting Renewable Energy: Land Use and Regulatory Context*, which was revised for publication in *Ecology Law Quarterly* (University of California-Berkeley) during the reporting period. *The Renewable Energy Footprint* argues that site-fixated regimes fail to address cumulative land impacts and that the siting context alone is insufficient to do so. The article develops instead the claim that cumulative land impacts must be a central consideration in the development and implementation of energy policy.

This project has been completed.