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Brent Plater

Brent Plater, formerly the Center for Biological Diversity's Bay Area Director, has joined Golden Gate University School of Law as a Litigation Staff Attorney with the law school's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

Plater's résumé reflects his longstanding commitment to environmental protection and experience as a teacher and litigator. In addition to directing San Francisco Bay Area programs for the Center for Biological Diversity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting endangered species and wild lands worldwide, Plater has taught environmental law to undergraduates at Boston College, served as an environmental law fellow at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, and worked as a law clerk at the Environmental Law Foundation and as a conservation intern at the National Wildlife Federation. He continues to serve on the Wildlife and Endangered Species Committee of the Sierra Club and was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Pet Management Rulemaking Committee.

Plater received his bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Environment from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment; his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley; and his master's in public administration from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. At Golden Gate University Plater will teach the Environmental Law and Justice Seminar. He also teaches environmental law at San Francisco State University.

"Brent Plater is a talented litigator and teacher who will serve our students and clients well, demonstrating the importance of preserving the ability of citizens to enforce environmental laws and protect the earth," says Professor Alan Ramo, co-director of Golden Gate's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

"Creating a just and sustainable society begins in the classroom, but can be accelerated in the courtroom," Plater says. "Golden Gate University's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic successfully combines classroom and courtroom tactics in the pursuit of a just and sustainable world. I am honored to join this outstanding program."

Note to Editors: To interview Brent Plater or obtain more information about the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, contact Jill Goetz at (415) 442-6636, jgoetz@ggu.edu.

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