

2023 Corwin W. Johnson Interns

Toni Rask – Environmental Protection Agency



Toni Rask (she/her) is a rising 3L student at the University of Houston Law Center and looking forward to a long career as a public servant following law school. She is from a small town in Minnesota on the Mississippi River, but her love of public policy led her to study political science in Washington, D.C. at American University where she fostered a passion for environmental policy. Before starting law school, she lived and worked in South Korea for four years teaching English as a foreign language. She worked with UH Energy in 2022 as a researcher focusing on the legal and regulatory challenges facing Texas electric providers working toward net-zero goals. This upcoming year, Toni will serve as the President of UHLC's Energy & Environmental Law Society, Vice President of OUTLaw, and Articles Editor for the Houston Journal of International Law--she prides herself on being able to build a community wherever she is. She lives in Houston with two tuxedo rescue kitties and enjoys playing board games and going to pub trivia with friends in her free time.

Casey Cooper – Office of the Attorney General



Casey Cooper is a 3L at Baylor Law School. Casey grew up in Burnet, TX and attended the University of Texas for her undergraduate degree. After completing her undergraduate degree, she sought a Master's Degree in Education, and then worked as a teacher for Georgetown Independent School District for 10 years before pursuing her dream of attending law school. In her free time Casey enjoys spending time with her husband, twins, and pets.

Samantha Tweet – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Samantha Tweet is a rising 3L at Texas Tech University School of Law. She's from Waxahachie, Texas and received a B.S. in Resource and Environmental Studies from Texas State University. At Texas Tech, Samantha is a fellow for the Center for Water Law and Policy and serves as President of the Environmental Law Society. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, trying new restaurants, and watching live music.

Blakely Fahning – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



I am a rising 3L at Texas A&M School of Law in Fort Worth, TX. As I am originally from North Carolina, I received a B.S. in Environmental Science from Western Carolina University. I am very interested in environmental law and aim for a career in the regulatory side, either for the state or federal government. I currently work as Research Assistant for Professor Gabriel Ecstein researching groundwater law. I love spending my free time outdoors, especially hiking and camping.

MacKenzie Watson – Harris County District Attorney



MacKenzie Watson is a rising 3L at Texas A&M University School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science Pre-Law from Michigan State University. She recently went on a trip to Israel to study the relationship between Bedouin communities and the Israeli government and specifically how the relationship effects their access to water. In her free time, she likes to watch scary movies and cuddle up with her cat Jack-Jack.

Conrad Scott – Texas Water Development Board



Conrad Scott is a 3L first-generation law student at Baylor Law School. He is from Magnolia, Texas, and received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Houston. While at the University of Houston, he studied abroad in Swansea, Wales. He was a research intern for an M.P. Geraint Davies focusing on devolution, energy, and environmental policies in the Welsh and European context. He is the Secretary of the Environmental and Natural Resource Law Society at Baylor Law School, and he enjoys spending time with animals, playing pickleball, going to concerts, and reading manga in his free time.

Tiana Goldman – City of Dallas, Environmental Quality & Sustainability Office



Tiana Goldman, born and raised in Louisiana, is a 3L law student at University of North Texas Dallas. Driven by her desire to help people, she interned with the Louisiana Governor's Office and the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, gaining insight into environmental challenges. This motivated her to become part of the solution, focusing her legal career on promoting environmental justice. Tiana enjoys observing nature, singing, working with youths, and creating community service projects. Her commitment to service is a way of life. She plans to use her legal skills to empower communities, protect the environment, and promote social justice. Tiana believes that working together, we can create a better future for ourselves and future generations.

Courtney Conner – Texas Railroad Commission



Courtney Conner is a rising 3L at Baylor Law School. She is originally from Brownsville, Texas, and received her BA in Political Science at Southern Methodist University. After completing undergrad, Courtney joined Oncor Electric Delivery as a document specialist. She then moved to Waco, Texas to start law school. At Baylor, she serves as secretary of the Women's Legal Society and associate editor of *Baylor Law Review*. Courtney is passionate about energy law, having previously interned for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). She enjoys painting, drawing, hiking, and running in her free time.