

Sarah Ali

Texas Water Development Board

Sarah Ali is a rising 3L at St. Mary's University School of Law. She is from Queens, New York, and received her bachelor's degree in Urban Studies with a concentration in Public Health and a minor in Anthropology from Barnard College of Columbia University. After completing undergrad, she worked as a legal assistant at a corporate law firm in New York City. After moving to Austin, she became more interested in public service and environmental policy, which led her to pursue opportunities in water law and state government. She is excited to work with the Texas Water Development Board because it combines her passion for serving communities with meaningful work that helps shape Texas's water future.



Theodora Amaobi-Joseph

Railroad Commission

Theodora Amaobi-Joseph is a rising 3L at the University of Houston Law Center, where she serves as a Casenotes & Comments Editor for the Houston Journal of International Law. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Texas Southern University. During law school, Theodora participated in an energy negotiations competition, and she saw how central energy law is across various sectors in the economy. This piqued her interest in environmental and natural resources law, and she has continued exploring that interest through her studies. She loves to play the saxophone and piano in her free time.



Christina Dunwoody

Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Protection Division

Christina Dunwoody is a rising 3L from the University of Houston Law Center. She is originally from Houston, Texas, and graduated from Trinity University in 2024 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and minors in Biology, English, and Creative Writing. During her time in law school, she has enjoyed working as a Senior Articles Editor for the Houston Journal of International Law, serving as a volunteer mediator in the University of Houston Law Center's Alan F. and Diane R. Levin Mediation Clinic, and being a member of the Energy and Environmental Law Society. In her free time, Christina enjoys running half marathons, gardening, crochet, recreational SCUBA diving, and serving as a volunteer on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's International Committee.



Mariah Henley-Christopher

Railroad Commission

Mariah Henley-Christopher is a 2L at South Texas College of Law Houston. She earned her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Baylor University. Before law school, she worked as a Natural Resource Specialist II with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and as an Engineering Specialist with the Railroad Commission of Texas. Her professional background has given her firsthand insight into environmental regulation, natural resource management, and the legal and policy issues surrounding Texas energy development. She is also involved with her law school's Oil and Gas Newsletter, where she stays engaged with developments in the energy sector. In her free time, she enjoys running, hiking, and staying informed on legal and regulatory trends and exploring issues at the intersection of law, energy, and the environment.



Elizabeth Holland

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Elizabeth Holland is a rising 3L at Baylor Law School. She received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of the Incarnate Word in 2024. Elizabeth has chosen to dedicate her career to environmental protection, a cause she has been passionate about since childhood. She has been involved in activism for several years, registering voters, volunteering with a grassroots congressional campaign, and lobbying state legislators. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys embroidering, listening to music, and photographing the natural beauty she sees all over Texas.



Joshua Morton

City of Dallas, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability

Josh Morton is a rising 2L at Texas A&M University School of Law. He is a Texas and DFW native with an international, grassroots perspective on environmental issues. When Josh wasn't volunteering on a chainsaw crew with AmeriCorps during the summer, he was busy in Scotland getting his bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of St Andrews. After living in one of the world's leading nations in renewable energy and earning hands-on experience in conservation, he is eager to bring back everything he has learned to keep Texas both wild and productive.



Jackson Redding

Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Protection Division

Jackson Redding is a rising 2L at SMU Dedman School of Law. He's from Wichita Falls, Texas and received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Midwestern State University. After living through a severe, multi-year drought in North Texas, he was motivated to pursue a career protecting our precious natural resources. He began exploring environmental issues as an undergraduate research assistant evaluating factors that impact climate change perceptions, and as a representative of the Model United Nations team in the UNEA. In his first year at SMU, he got involved with the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Law Society, and he is looking forward to serving as a member of the EENRLS executive board next year. Some of Jackson's favorite activities include cooking, running, taking care of his plants, and skiing.



Boden Svang

City of Dallas, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability

Boden Svang is a rising 3L at SMU Dedman School of Law. He is from Dousman, Wisconsin, and earned a B.S. in Earth Sciences and a minor in Environmental Engineering from Southern Methodist University, where he conducted original research in geochemistry focused on mineral composition and environmental conditions. His background has shaped his interest in the legal and regulatory challenges surrounding environmental issues. Through his coursework and experience, he has developed an understanding of how environmental considerations impact both industry and communities. Outside the classroom, he enjoys rock climbing and spending time outdoors.



Emma Whitehead

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Emma Whitehead is a rising 3L at South Texas College of Law Houston. Originally from San Angelo, Texas, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Texas A&M University in 2023. Prior to law school, she worked as a wrangler on a dude ranch out in the Big Bend region. She comes from a seventh-generation West Texas ranching family, which has fueled her passion for conservation and natural resource preservation. During law school, she serves as an Articles Editor for the South Texas Harry L. Reed Oil and Gas Newsletter, where she has further developed her interests in oil and gas law, environmental law, and natural resources. In her free time, she enjoys attending Texas country music concerts with her friends, fly fishing, and spending time with her dog, Pecos.

