

**Robert Geoffrey Dreher**

**Experience**

**Defenders of Wildlife.** Washington, D.C.

*Senior Vice President for Conservation Programs and General Counsel, 2016-present.*

Responsible for strategic direction of conservation programs and provision of legal counsel to national wildlife conservation advocacy organization.

**United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.** Washington, D.C.

*Associate Director, 2014-2016.* Second-ranking official in federal agency charged with protecting endangered species, administering the National Wildlife Refuge system, and conserving fish and wildlife resources of the United States. Served as primary adviser to the Director on major policy matters and represented the Service's interests in decision-making on policy matters within the Department of the Interior and within the administration. Participated as member of Service's Directorate in decision-making and policy determinations regarding the Service's budget, management direction, and future development. Provided leadership for the Service's work combatting wildlife trafficking, including its leadership of the President's Task Force for Combatting Wildlife Trafficking and represented the United States at significant international meetings on wildlife trafficking.

**United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division.**

Washington, D.C.

*Acting Assistant Attorney General, 2013-2014.* Led 700-employee Division charged with representation of the United States in court on environmental and natural resources matters. Advised the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General on civil and criminal matters involving environmental, natural resources, and tribal claims. Served as co-Chair of the President's Task Force for Combatting Wildlife Trafficking.

*Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, 2010-2013.* First assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, responsible for supervision of ENRD's Executive Office with responsibility for the Division's \$140 million budget, human resources, IT, and administration, and ENRD's Natural Resources Section, comprising 85 attorneys handling litigation involving federal public lands, takings, tribal trust claims, National Environmental Policy Act, and other natural resource issues. Served as Acting Assistant Attorney General on matters from which the Assistant Attorney General was recused, including major enforcement and bankruptcy matters.

**Defenders of Wildlife.** Washington, D.C.

*Senior Vice President for Climate Change and Conservation Law and General Counsel, 2009-2010; Vice President for Conservation Law and General Counsel, 2007-2009; Vice President for*

*Land Conservation*, 2006-2007. As Senior Vice President of national conservation organization, responsible for supervision of organization's programs to address climate change impacts on wildlife and habitat throughout the United States and supervision of seven-lawyer in-house legal staff handling precedent-setting litigation involving wildlife and federal lands. As Vice President for Land Conservation, responsible for management of Defender's programs focused on conservation and habitat protection on private lands and federal public lands.

**Private Practice.** Washington, D.C. 2005-2006.

Engaged in solo private practice, providing strategic counsel to conservation organizations, government agencies, and businesses on complex environmental matters.

**Georgetown University Law Center, Georgetown Environmental Law & Policy Institute.** Washington, D.C.

*Deputy Executive Director*, 2003-2005. Responsible for legal research, public education, and advocacy regarding environmental policy issues, including proper implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act and regulatory takings. Authored *NEPA Under Siege*, a monograph describing legislative and administrative attacks on the integrity of NEPA under the Bush administration, and other reports and Congressional testimony.

**Troutman Sanders, LLC.** Washington, D.C.

*Of Counsel*, 2000-2003. Provided legal counsel to government agencies, conservation organizations, Indian tribes, and businesses in complex environmental and energy matters.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.** Washington, D.C.

*Deputy General Counsel*, 1996-2000. Responsible for counseling agency leaders on legal policy matters and for supervision of agency litigation. Represented agency in international treaty negotiations and in interagency dispute resolution processes involving major federal projects. Represented EPA before the U.S. Court of Appeals in challenges to agency's national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter.

**Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund** (now Earthjustice). Washington, D.C.

*Managing Attorney and Staff Attorney*, 1985-1996. Representation and advocacy on behalf of conservation organizations and Indian tribes in litigation seeking to ensure proper management of federal public lands, protection of endangered species and other wildlife, and the rights of the public to participate in federal agency decision-making involving natural resources.

**Hill & Barlow.** Boston, MA.

*Associate*, 1981-1985. Provided legal counsel and representation to businesses, government agencies and conservation groups on matters involving environmental issues, intellectual property, and tort litigation.

## **Teaching**

**George Washington University Law School.** Washington, D.C.  
*Professorial Lecturer in Law*, 1990-2007. Taught Federal natural resources law.

**Georgetown University Law Center.** Washington, D.C.  
*Adjunct Professor*, 2004-2005. Taught Federal natural resources law.

## **Education**

**Yale Law School.** New Haven, CT.  
*J.D. cum laude*, 1981.

**Brown University.** Providence, RI.  
*M.A., American Civilization*, 1979.

**Harvard College.** Cambridge, MA.  
*B.A. cum laude*, 1973.