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Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto

Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto's biography could easily take up this entire page, so we have focused on the highlights. With over 20 years' experience in the areas of agriculture, wildlife conservation, and energy development, Aurelia began her career as a regulatory scientist, then obtained her law degree. Aurelia is currently a partner at E&W Law. Her practice focuses on matters before a range of federal agencies and topics as varied as endangered species, air and water pollution, and remediation.

Aurelia previously served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, where she oversaw

management of the environmental quality of air, water, and wastewater, the application of nuclear and radiation, solid waste disposal, and hazardous materials regulation. Aurelia also served as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where she led the agency to revolutionize business operations, improve service, and grant more access to federal lands to the American people, including hunters and anglers. Aurelia received a Master of Science in molecular genetics from Purdue University, and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law.



Margaret Everson

Margaret Everson is the Executive Director of the Oak Grove Initiative, an organization founded to help government agencies improve their internal processes and policies to better distribute funds to support communities while delivering conservation, recreation, and natural-resource benefits. Margaret previously served as the Acting Director of the National Park Service, Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior. Through these roles she has led national policy initiatives that reduced regulatory burdens, created 1.4 million acres of new and expanded access to

public lands, and addressed systemic deferred maintenance throughout the National Park System. In 2020, Ms. Everson chaired the task force for implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act, overseeing the provision of nearly \$2 billion annually for deferred maintenance to federal agencies and \$900 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Margaret has also held career and appointed senior executive positions in federal and state governments, led the policy team for Ducks Unlimited, and served as assistant attorney general in Kentucky. Ms. Everson obtained her law degree from Vermont Law School, and her undergraduate degree from St. Francis University, with a concentration in Marine Biology.



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Regina Lennox

Regina Lennox has served as Senior Litigation Counsel for Safari Club International since April 2019. Prior to joining SCI, Regina was a Staff Attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and a Professor of Lawyering at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Regina also practiced wildlife law with Conservation Force in Louisiana and litigated complex business disputes with McKee Nelson LLP (now part of Morgan Lewis LLP) in New York. Regina clerked for Chief Judge Curtis L. Collier of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. She earned her law degree from Duke



Madeline Demaske

Madeline Demaske serves as a Litigation Associate for Safari Club International. Prior to joining SCI, she worked with Dallas Safari Club and the Wild Sheep Foundation, contributing to key initiatives such as the Central Asian Argali Initiative and the 7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference. An avid advocate for hunting and conservation, she actively volunteers with organizations including SCI, the Wild Sheep Foundation, and the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society. Madie received her law degree from the University of Kansas.



Keely Hopkins

Keely Hopkins is the Western State and Local Liaison for Safari Club International. In this role, Keely works with state elected officials, agency personnel, SCI members, and partners on state laws and regulations related to hunting and conservation. Keely is a seasoned government relations professional and licensed attorney with over a decade of experience in wildlife management, conservation, and firearms policy. Prior to SCI, Keely held leadership roles at the National Rifle Association–Institute for Legislative Action and the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, where she directed legislative, regulatory, and political strategies across multiple states. Keely graduated from Willamette University College of Law and studied abroad in Spain, Tanzania, and China, gaining unique insights into global conservation and legal frameworks. An avid hunter, Hopkins has pursued game species across North America and recently completed her first South African hunt.