# **James Handley**

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## 2007-present - Carbon Tax Center, Washington Representative

- Organizer, strategist, analyst, blogger.
- Liaison with Capitol Hill staff, NGO's, public policy organizations and media.
- Arrange and participate in policy meetings (over one hundred to date) with Hill staff representing scores of members and a dozen legislative committees.
- Review, digest and post summaries and analyses of studies, reports and Congressional testimony concerning climate policy, particularly economic and regulatory aspects.
- Primary contributor to CTC's blog, news updates, web pages and summaries of policy studies.
- Helped instigate, organize and invite prominent discussants to 2012 bipartisan "Lame Duck Initiative" meetings of green groups, tax policy and public policy organizations seeking to advance carbon tax in fiscal and tax reform.
- Presented merits of carbon taxes in policy debates at U.S. State Dept. and Cosmos Club.
- Represented and reported for CTC and Price Carbon Campaign at UN COP-15, Copenhagen.
- Organized and arranged speakers, invitees and publicity for CTC Hill briefings on carbon taxes in 2008 and 2009, 2010 Wesleyan "Pricing Carbon" Conference, 2011 carbon pricing summit at Garrison Institute.
- Co-authored study of potential midwestern states carbon tax.

### 2001-2006 • Environmental Attorney, Private Practice

- Represented "Beyond Pesticides" in federal court litigation challenging US EPA's failure to respond to petitions seeking cancellation of high-risk heavy-duty wood preservative pesticides.
- Represented Maine Organic Farmers Association and Organic Consumers Association in federal court challenge to US Dept of Agriculture's regulations diluting the National Organic Standards Act.

### 1987-2000 • Enforcement Attorney, U.S. EPA

Specialized in hazardous waste, toxics and pesticides. Prevailed in largest pesticides penalty case in agency history after initiating investigation of Dow's concealment of serious health incidents linked to its widely-used pesticide, Dursban. Elected and re-elected to represent EPA

professionals. Led contract negotiations culminating in protections for EPA whistleblowers and accommodations for EPA staff injured and disabled by toxic exposures.

### 1980-1982 - Chemical Engineer, Scott Paper Co, and Brown & Root, Inc.

Designed and upgraded process and pollution control equipment in the chemical, paper and energy industries.

#### Education

- George Washington University (1989), LLM (highest honors) in environmental law
- University of Houston (1985), Juris Doctorate
- University of Delaware (1980), Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Economics minor) and Bachelor of Arts
- Institute for Energy Conversion (1978), fellowship researching and developing solar and thermal energy conversion and storage systems.

#### **Publications**

Articles, case notes, letters and comments on environmental law and policy in *Environmental Law Reporter*, *Environmental Forum*, *Journal of the National Association of Attorneys General*, *Rachel's Hazardous Waste News*, *Capitol Sierran*, *Washington Post* and *The New Yorker*.

## **Public Interest Work**

- Current co-chair: Progressive Democrats of America's global warming team.
- Sierra Club life member, served on DC Chapter's Executive Committee.
- Linked activists, neighborhood associations, local and regional groups with legal team to defeat proposed "Barney Circle Freeway" through DC and Anacostia Park.
- Active in Washington Area Bicyclist Association and National Lawyers Guild.