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**PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION CLINIC
TO REPRESENT STOP-THE-PIPELINE**

Prestigious public interest environmental law firm joins fight against Constitution Pipeline

Stop the Pipeline (STP) is a grass roots organization of landowners and citizens who are opposed to the 120-mile long Constitution Pipeline, which would run through pristine territory, from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to Schoharie County, New York. STP recently retained Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic as its legal counsel.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. founded the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic in 1987, and still operates it with his two law partners, Professors Karl S. Coplan and Daniel E. Estrin, and a team of ten eager third-year law students. "It is not possible to sit back," says Kennedy, "and watch corporations and government agencies violate the public trust. We must do everything possible to take back our democracy and protect the air, water and soil on which we all depend."

According to the law school's website, "The Environmental Litigation Clinic represents public interest environmental groups bringing citizen enforcement actions in state and federal courts on a variety of environmental and land use issues." The Clinic has won numerous precedent-setting cases on behalf of its clients, prosecuting corporations for violating environmental laws and regulations, and governmental entities for acts or omissions that violate their statutory and regulatory mandates. The Clinic has prevailed against some of the largest corporations in the world, and has successfully challenged illegal regulations and permits issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Anne Marie Garti, a Delhi native and resident of East Meredith, New York, is a Legal Intern at Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic. She learned of the proposed Constitution Pipeline last spring, and is one of the founding members of STP. "I am extremely offended that private corporations think they can take peoples' property through eminent domain, pretending they're acting in the public's interest, when their main goal is to increase their profits," says Ms. Garti. "I intend to do everything possible to stop them." She approached the Clinic about representing Stop the Pipeline. Ms. Garti noted, "The Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic will be a valuable ally for the people in the Susquehanna and Schoharie Watersheds."

"We were so impressed by how quickly these citizens organized themselves to protect their homes, land and natural resources," said Professor Daniel Estrin. "They demonstrated through their actions the passion and courage that can ultimately lead to success, and we decided to do what we can to help them achieve that success."

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