

Catherine Hill, Esq.
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Professional Experience

SKIDMORE COLLEGE (2012-Present)

Teaching Professor (2017-Present)

Teach FYE, Hip Hop, Hamilton and History; MB 240, Coaching Experience; MB 316, Leadership Dynamics; and MB 350, Entrepreneurship and Small Business. Manage the Freirich Entrepreneurship Competition, to encourage Skidmore students to follow their passions and explore new interests and capabilities they otherwise might not find. The competition was endowed by Kenneth Freirich in 2019 and has grown into one of the best-funded competitions in the Northeast, offering over \$60,000 in prizes in 2019.

The F. William Harder Chair of Management and Business (2012-2017)

Primary Duties Include: Established in 1984, the F. William Harder Chair is designed to make possible the appointment from beyond the Skidmore faculty of a distinguished executive at the senior level. As Harder Chair, I am tasked with teaching a variety of courses, participating in the development of the College's program in business and in the interactions between the Management and Business Department and the liberal arts program, and enhancing Skidmore's contacts with the leaders of both the Saratoga and national business communities.

Accomplishments Include:

- Teaching MB 107, Business Organizations and Management; MB 214, Marketing; MB 240, Coaching Experience; MB 316, Leadership Dynamics; MB 350, Entrepreneurship and Small Business; MB 351, Sustainable Planet; HF 200, Alien Invasion, Drones; HF 200, Extinction, Obsolescence; MB 399, and IN 100,

Internships; MB 371, Senior Capstone Thesis; and MB 371, Independent Study. Student evaluations are consistently excellent and my courses are routinely waitlisted.

Accomplishments continued:

- Founded the New York Executive Clean Energy Leadership Institute (NY EXCEL) at Skidmore College. NY EXCEL is a grant-funded program to educate, connect and mentor entrepreneurs and executives who are interested in starting cleantech businesses in New York. NY EXCEL includes a summer residency at Skidmore and weekend destination programs at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Stony Brook University, the Pace Climate and Energy Center at Pace University Law School, the Syracuse University Center of Excellence at Syracuse University, Eastman Kodak Park, the Gollisano Sustainability Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology and the New York Battery and Energy Storage Center.
- Founded Accelerate518, a collaboration among colleges and universities in the Capital Region. The goal of Accelerate518 is to increase the interactions among entrepreneurs and innovators and bring together students from across the region. The collaboration includes Adirondack Community College, Albany Law School, Albany Medical College, Hudson Valley Community College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Sage Colleges, Schenectady County Community College, Siena College, Skidmore College, State University of New York at Albany, Union College, and SUNY Polytechnic.
- Organized the annual Harder Lecture and Dinner, with Paula Wagner, Film Producer and Executive; Majora Carter, Activist, Entrepreneur and Urban Advocate; and Leila Kamal, Architect and Sustainability Expert, and Dr. Thomas Caulfield, SVP and Plant Manager of Fab 8, Global Foundries, as its speakers.
- Worked with a student group to host TEDxSkidmoreCollege.
- Member the Committee for Educational Policy and Planning, which in 2017 helped the faculty adopt a new General Education requirement.
- Led the Sustainability Committee (Chair 2014-15) and participated in the drafting of the Skidmore Sustainability Plan.
- Participated as a faculty representative on the Skidmore College Integrity Board, which uses a restorative justice model to enforce compliance with college standards and academic integrity.

- Led a department-wide effort to repurpose underutilized space on campus into a group learning classroom, a focus group room and a conference room for the Department of Management and Business.

COOPERHILL (2010 – 2017)

Founder

Principal Duties Include: Sourcing clients, making strategic connections between individuals and institutions and developing a strategic vision for client projects.

Accomplishments Include:

- Worked with EYP Architects and Engineers (“EYP”) to develop a commitment for the Clinton Global Initiative. Helped create a partnership between the University of Colorado at Boulder (“CU Boulder”) and EYP, to deploy a computer modeling system at CU Boulder to help them ascertain the most cost-effective energy efficiency upgrades to be made on campus and at the University of Colorado system schools.
- Worked with the Long Island Association and my partner to create Accelerate Long Island. Accelerate Long Island is a focused effort by business, educational and research institutions on Long Island to generate new companies and jobs.

UNION GRADUATE COLLEGE (CLARKSON) (2009 – 2012)

Adjunct Professor

Taught courses on the opportunities and challenges presented by the confluence of climate change, energy markets, and sustainability.

WHITEMAN, OSTERMAN AND HANNA (2005 – 2010)

Counsel and Co-Chair of the Cleantech Practice Group

Principal Duties Include: Creating client relationships, managing legal matters and supervising lawyers and staff.

Accomplishments Include:

- Founded and Co-Chaired the Clean Tech Practice Group, and grew the practice from \$0 to over \$3 million in three years.
- Managed a team of attorneys and other professionals in the siting, permitting, construction, financing and operation of utility scale wind parks in New York.
- Worked with Syracuse University to write a \$123 million grant application to the Department of Energy for an energy efficiency hub in New York State.

MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY INC. (2000 – 2005)

Vice President of Corporate Development, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Principal Duties Include: Responsible for legal compliance, corporate communications, government relations, human resources and strategic planning for Mechanical Technology, Inc. (“MTI”; NASDAQ:MKTY).

Accomplishments Include:

- Helped found MTI Micro Fuel Cells, Inc. (“MTI Micro”), an award-winning, direct-methanol, micro fuel cell company.
- Responsible for Federal and State securities laws compliance (including initiation of Sarbanes Oxley compliance) for MTI.
- Supervised the patent and intellectual property strategy for MTI and its subsidiaries.
- Led the human resources department and assured compliance with Federal and State labor and employment laws.
- Led the team that closed a \$1 million investment and strategic partnership with Duracell and Intermec.
- Helped raise \$25 million from a private equity investor.
- Led the team charged with developing annual securities filings, quarterly shareholder calls and annual meetings.

CATHERINE S. HILL, PLLC (1998 – 2000)

President

Principal Duties Include: Creating client relationships, managing legal matters and supervising lawyers and staff.

Accomplishments Include: Founded a four-person law firm to work with small, start-up technology ventures. Clients included MapInfo Corp. and Vicarious Visions (creator of Guitar Hero).

WHITEMAN, OSTERMAN & HANNA (1996 – 1998)

Partner

Principal Duties Include: Creating client relationships, managing legal matters and supervising lawyers and staff.

Accomplishments Include:

- Worked with First Albany Corporation and MTI to create Plug Power LLC, the first fuel cell company in the United States to go public.
- Worked with Albany Cardiology to create Prime Care Physicians.
- Worked with a group of primary care doctors to create Community Care.

WILMERHALE (1990 – 1995)

Principal Duties Include: Providing legal advice on complex legal matters.

Accomplishments Include:

- Helped William Haseltine and Craig Ventner take Human Genome Sciences public. Human Genome Sciences and Craig Ventner eventually mapped the full human genome.
- Worked with two of the top women lawyers in the country, Zoe Baird and Jamie Gorelick, on a high profile criminal complaint against the Aetna Insurance Company. Zoe was later nominated to be Attorney General of the United States and Jamie was on the 911 Commission.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT (1998 – 1990)

Principal Duties Include: Personal law clerk to Judge Ruggero Aldisert, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Accomplishments Include:

- Assisted Judge Aldisert in writing and editing, Winning on Appeal, 1989; and Logic for Lawyers, 1988.
- Prepared draft opinions for Judge Aldisert's review in the Third, Fifth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Non-Profit and Community

THE SAGE COLLEGES (2013 – Present)

Vice Chair and Member of Strategic Opportunities Committee

THE NEW YORK BATTERY AND ENERGY STORAGE CONSORTIUM (2010 – 2017)

Vice Chair

ICLEAN INCUBATOR AT SUNY POLYTECHNIC (2010 – 2017)

Member Advisory Board

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE SEVERINO CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP (2005 – 2012)

Member Advisory Board

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW CENTER (2000 – 2010)

Member Advisory Board

WOODLAND HILLS MONTESSORI SCHOOL (1997-2000)

Member Board of Trustees

Recent Speaking Engagements

- April, 2017, Panel Chair, SPARK Incubator Launch Event, Saratoga Springs, NY
- March, 2017, Host, Dr. Thomas Caulfield, How Semiconductors Have Changed the World, F. William Harder Lecture at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- October, 2016, Panel Member, Sustainability in Business Education, AASHE Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
- October, 2016, Host, StartUp TechValley Saratoga, Saratoga City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY
- April, 2016, Host, Leila Kamal, Greening the Environment, F. William Harder Lecture at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- December, 2015, Speaker, An Immigrant's Story Comes Full Circle, TEDxAlbany, Overit Media, Albany, NY
- October, 2015, Host, Entrepreneurial Alumni, Skidmore Science Summit, Saratoga Springs, NY
- October, 2015, Host, Accelerate518 Design Thinking Workshop, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY

Recent Speaking Engagements Continued

- October, 2015, Host, StartUp TechValley Saratoga, Preservation Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY
- August, 2015, Host, 2d Annual New York Energy Policy Reception, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- April, 2015, Host, Majora Carter on Greening the Ghetto, F. William Harder Lecture at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- March, 2015, Keynote Speaker, GeoPalooza (New York Geothermal Association), Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- March, 2015, Host, Accelerate518 Design Thinking Workshop, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- February, 2015, Panel Chair, Women in Entrepreneurship, Albany Law School, Albany, NY
- November, 2014, Speaker, The Lorax, Climate Change, and the Constitution, Sustainability and Innovation Forum at Woodland Hills Montessori School, North Greenbush, NY
- October, 2014, Speaker, How Media and Malaise Affect Perceptions on Climate Change, Mature Learners Seminar, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- August, 2015, Host, 1st Annual New York Energy Policy Reception, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- April, 2014, A Conversation with Dave Balter, Skidgenuity, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- April, 2014, Panelist, The Capital District Business Review Power Breakfast: The Business of Energy (Panelists included; John Rhodes, President, NYSERDA and Bill Flaherty, Executive Director, National Grid), Scotia, NY
- March, 2014, Panel Chair, Energy Policy, NY BEST Capture the Energy Conference, Troy, NY
- March, 2014, Speaker, Climate Frenzy and the Constitution, F. William Harder Lecture at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- November, 2013, Keynote Speaker, Press Conference to Announce NY EXCEL, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- June, 2010, Speaker, Micro Grids – Business Models: Can We Make This Work?, Pace University District Energy and Micro Grids Conference, New York, NY
- November, 2010, Panel Chair, PACE Financing, Pace University Energy Center Annual Conference, New York, NY
- May, 2010, Presenter, Legal Issues in Green Building, New York State Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Albany, NY
- February, 2010, Speaker, PACE Bond Financing Program Implementation, New York State Association of Towns Annual Conference, New York, NY
- February, 2010, Speaker, Funding Opportunities for Solar and Renewables, Solar Consortium Solar Farm Workshop, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY
- December, 2009, PACE Bonds, WAMC News, Albany, NY

Recent Speaking Engagements Continued

- October, 2009, Presenter, The Stimulus & NYSERDA, Funding for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, NY ACE 2009 Fall Conference, Albany, NY
- June, 2009, Presenter, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Albany Law School, Albany, NY
- March, 2009, Panelist, Careers in Technology and Intellectual Property, Albany Law School Science and Technology Law Center, Albany, NY
- March, 2009, Presenter, The Green Innovation and Public Policy Symposium, Albany Law School, Albany, NY
- February, 2009, Presenter, Financing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, The Center for Economic Development, Albany, NY
- May, 2008, Speaker, Sustainable Businesses, Air and Waste Management Institute, Albany, NY
- April, 2008, Speaker, Sustainability, Severino Center for Entrepreneurship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
- April, 2008, Speaker, Technology, Carbon and the Law, Combating Climate Change – The Legal Issues of Alternatives, Albany Law School Government Law Center, Albany, NY
- February, 2008, Speaker, E2TAC Energy Forum, SUNY Polytechnic, Albany, NY
- July, 2007, Speaker, The Sustainable Corporation, New Energy New York Annual Symposium, SUNY Polytechnic, Albany, NY

Recent Publications

- 2009 to 2012, Contributor, Times Union Green Blog
- October, 2009, *A Chance to Save the Planet*, Albany Times Union
- March, 2009, *Cooperation Needed to Fight Climate Change*, The Capital District Business Review
- Summer, 2008, *Regional and State-Based Climate Change Initiatives in the United States*, Government Law & Policy Journal, Summer 2008, Vol. 10, No. 1

Websites and Social Media

<https://skidmoreentrepreneurs.wordpress.com>; <https://accelerate518.wordpress.com>

Personal

Married to Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner, Climate Change and Energy, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mother of Caleb Snyder, Skidmore ('18), Aidan Snyder, Haverford ('17) and Ethan Snyder, some place fantastic ('22).

References available upon request