



RYAN SEIDEMANN, J.D., PH.D., R.P.A.

General Counsel

ORGANIZATION ROLE

General Counsel

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Urban Studies,
University of New
Orleans, 2021

JD & BCL, Louisiana
State University, 2003

MA, Anthropology,
Louisiana State
University, 1999

BA, Anthropology,
Florida State
University, 1996

LICENSES

Louisiana law license
(28991)

Vermont law license
(6170)

Registered
Professional
Archaeologist (16423)

Admitted to practice in
all Louisiana and
Vermont state courts
and numerous federal
courts

Ryan M. Seidemann, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Florida State University, focusing on human remains analysis with research at the Smithsonian Institution and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He completed a master's degree in Anthropology at Louisiana State University with a thesis on Maya skeletal remains from Belize. His early work in cultural resource management sparked his interest in the intersection of nature and society. Ryan later earned both a Bachelor of Civil Law and a Juris Doctorate at LSU and, in 2021, a Ph.D. in Urban Studies/Urban Anthropology from the University of New Orleans, with a dissertation on cemetery preservation inequities in New Orleans.

Throughout his law practice in both Louisiana and Vermont, Ryan has continuously shown his ability to balance the intersecting world of environmental science and law. Ryan previously served as an Assistant Attorney General (2005-2024) and Chief of the Lands & Natural Resources Section (2007-2024) of the Louisiana Department of Justice. In that position, he represented the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the Office of State Lands, Louisiana Cemetery Board, and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, among other government agencies. He has argued cases in most Louisiana district courts, all Louisiana appellate courts, and multiple times before the Louisiana Supreme Court. Ryan has authored or co-authored more than 100 publications on human remains, cemeteries, and environmental and mineral law.

Ryan specializes in complex interactions of the law and social sciences, with particular focus on disaster response, mortuary archaeology, and historic preservation. Ryan's legal practice spans more than 20 years of research, writing, and advising on matters of water, environmental, property, and natural resources law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024–Present: General Counsel, The Water Institute

2021–Present: Adjunct professor, Department of Planning and Urban Studies and Department of Anthropology University of New Orleans

2011–Present: Adjunct professor of law, Southern University Law Center

2005–2024: Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana Department of Justice

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. *Cemetery Protections in Urban Environments: Archaeology, Preservation and the Law*. University Press of Florida (spring 2025).
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3. Seidemann, Ryan M. and Christine L. Halling, 2019: "Landscape structural violence: A view from New Orleans' Cemeteries." *American Antiquity* 84(4):669-683.
4. Seidemann, Ryan M., Daniel D. Henry, Irys L.V. Allgood, Jackson D. Logan, 2013: "Drops in the bucket: Historic classifications and recent developments related to the legal aspects of surface water in Louisiana." *Tulane Environmental Law Journal* 27:61-105.
5. Seidemann, Ryan M., 2012: "Water and Power: The Sabine River Authority of Louisiana – A Review of Property Disputes, Hydropower, and Water Sales." *Tulane Environmental Law Journal* 25:389-418.
6. Kalen, Sam, Ryan M. Seidemann, James G. Wilkins, Megan K. Terrell, 2010: "Lingering Relevance of the Coastal Zone Management Act to Energy Development in our Nation's Coastal Waters?" *Tulane Environmental Law Journal* 24:73-111.
7. Seidemann, Ryan M. and Catherine D. Susman, 2002: "Wetlands Conservation in Louisiana: Voluntary Incentives and Other Alternatives." *Journal of Environmental Law & Litigation* 17:441-495.
8. Stojanowski, Christopher M., Seidemann, Ryan M., and Glen H. Doran, 2002: "Differential Skeletal Preservation at Windover Pond: Causes and Consequences." *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 119:15-26.
9. Seidemann, Ryan M., Christopher M. Stojanowski, and Glen H. Doran, 1998: "The Use of the Superior-Inferior Femoral Neck Diameter as a Sex Assessor." *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 107:305-313.