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Bio

BIO

David J. Hayes is a Professor of Practice at the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability and affiliated faculty at Stanford Law School. He specializes in energy, environmental, and natural resources law and policy. Hayes served in the White House as Special Assistant to President Biden for Climate Policy and was the Senate-confirmed Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer at the U.S. Department of the Interior for Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. In addition to his public service, Hayes was Executive Director of the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at the NYU School of Law, where he worked with state attorneys general on climate, environment and clean energy initiatives; Chairman of the Board of the Environmental Law Institute; and partner and Global Chair of the Environment, Land and Resources Department at Latham & Watkins. Hayes is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Stanford Law School.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of the Practice, Environmental Social Sciences

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Climate Law and Policy: LAW 2520 (Spr)
- Environmental Law and Policy: LAW 2504 (Aut)

2024-25

- Environmental Law and Policy: LAW 2504 (Aut)
- Policy Practicum: Bridging the Climate Data and Decisionmaking Divide: LAW 809Z (Win)

2023-24

- Nature-Based Climate Solutions Policy Lab: SUSTAIN 212 (Spr)
- Policy Practicum: Nature-Based Climate Solutions Policy Lab: LAW 809R (Spr)
- Transitioning to a Clean Energy Economy: LAW 2528 (Aut)

2022-23

- Policy Practicum: Harvesting Climate Benefits from Climate-Smart Agricultural & Forestry Practices: LAW 808Y (Win, Spr)