Science as a Second Language

Talking Science Without a Science Degree

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• **Maya Grasse** is a land use and environmental associate in the Los Angeles office of Alston & Bird, LLP. She focuses her practice land use permitting and compliance. She received her law degree from Loyola Law School in 2011, having attended the evening program while working as a paralegal in the land use group of another downtown LA law firm. Maya received a Bachelor of Arts from Pomona College in French, with a minor in Geology.
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Rebecca Pritchett is the founder and managing partner of Pritchett Environmental & Property Law LLC in Birmingham, Alabama. Her practice focuses on environmental, natural resources, and oil and gas law. Rebecca assists clients of all sizes with regulatory compliance, enforcement actions, and transactions in all aspects of environmental and natural resources law, including litigation, regulatory matters and transactions. She also served on the Alabama Oil & Gas Board as a regulator overseeing the exploration and production of oil and natural gas from 2003 to 2011. Rebecca serves on the Council of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, where she serves as Council Liaison to the Membership Service Group. She is Past Chair of SEER’s Environmental Transactions and Brownfields and Science & Technology Committees. She is Past Chair of the Alabama State Bar’s Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, Past President of the Birmingham chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, past President of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, and an active member of numerous other environmental, trade and community organizations.

Rebecca received her undergraduate degree in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Southern Mississippi’s Honors College, and her J.D., along with a Certificate of Completion in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, from the University of Oregon School of Law. She has spent 10 years practicing in solo or small firms, and 11 years in large, multi-office firms.

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Tamar Cerafici has been an environmental attorney for 25 years. She’s traveled the world teaching lawyers and entrepreneurs how to energize their businesses. A couple of books on the topic are currently in the design phase. She’s now training her sights on teaching law students and young lawyers the principles of entrepreneurship they need to value themselves while enjoying their practice. Failing that, she says she can at least give you a kind word of encouragement!

She still has a virtual practice where she dispenses advice on environmental compliance, nuclear power plant construction, and sustainability issues in development.
Program

• Major focal points for beginning a practice in environmental law.

• What's the attraction?

• Do you need a science degree?

• If you don't, how do you make sense of all that math and such?

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