2001 - 2011
10 years of legal aid for the environment
10 years of supporting Pacific Northwest communities
10 years of mentoring new public interest attorneys
A decade of service to the earth

A View of the Summit:
Celebrating 10 Years of the Crag Law Center
Dear Friends,

In the summer of 2002, we sat down to pen our first ever Crag Law Center newsletter. Less than a year earlier, we had left the comforts of a large, private law firm to start our tiny non-profit on a shoestring budget. Our lives had changed, and we tried to capture the personal reasons that motivated us to make that choice. In the introduction to that first newsletter, Chris wrote, “We want to do the work . . . we want to help others.”

Ten years later, Crag has taken on a life of its own with a string of notable victories throughout the Pacific Northwest from Oregon to Alaska. We’ve protected wilderness on Mt. Hood, stopped Royal Dutch Shell from drilling in the Arctic, and preserved thousands of acres of irreplaceable old-growth forest for future generations. Victories do matter, and we have won our fair share of cases. But those victories do not define the impact of the Crag Law Center.

We create change by building community - by combining our skills with the passion, energy and brainpower of other individuals. We work most directly with our clients, but we have also trained hundreds of student volunteers who will someday be our environmental champions. An incredible Board of Directors has partnered with us, challenged us and become our dear friends.

And our donors support us because they feel like we are their lawyers working for the environment. Crag supports the planet, and our community supports Crag. Together, we will continue this important work for another 10 years and beyond.

On behalf of our Board and our hardworking Staff, thank you for believing in the Crag Law Center! As we look to the future, the Pacific Northwest faces many challenges, and we will be there to protect your interests in this amazing place and the interests of your children and grandchildren. If we continue to build a community of people in support of that work, we will succeed.

Sincerely,

Chris Winter
Co-Executive Director

Ralph Bloemers
Co-Executive Director
Crag works to protect the Northwest's natural legacy through the following program areas:

**Program Areas:**
- **Public Lands:** Crag works to ensure accountable management of your public lands and to protect them from unsustainable development and destructive extraction.
- **Safeguard Water and Wetlands:** Crag works to protect waterways, wetlands, and the drinking water through legal action and community organizing.

**A Ten-Year Timeline of Crag’s Accomplishments**

- **2001:** The Crag Law Center is founded by Chris Wetter and Ralph Bloemers.
- **2002:** The Battle for Mt. Hood Begins. Working with a diverse coalition of conservation groups, Crag launches a multi-pronged legal strategy to protect the North Side of Mt. Hood at Cooper Spur and the Crystal Springs watershed from illegal logging and an exclusive right-of-way.
- **2003:** Old Growth Protection Program Launched. Crag fights lawsuits to protect critical old-growth forests in Oregon and Washington.
- **2004:** Victory For Mt. Hood. Crag wins key victory in the Oregon Court of Appeals against the illegal land trade on the North Side of Mt. Hood.
- **2005:** Battle Against Measure 37. On behalf of local landowners, Crag files dozens of suits to protect Oregon’s forests, recreation areas, and wetlands.
- **2006:** Oregon Old Growth Saved. Crag stops plans by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to log old-growth forests in southern Oregon and in Eastern Oregon’s Blue Mountains.
- **2007:** Rainless Wildlands Protected. Crag halts logging on steep slopes in the Umatilla National Forest and secures additional protection for millions of acres of roadless wildlands in Oregon and Washington.
- **2008:** Shell Blocked From Dakota Arctic Ocean. Crag shuts down Shell’s offshore drilling in the Arctic to protect the subsistence hunting and fishing grounds of the Shiprock Dakota Nation.
- **2009:** Heads Wild and Free. Crag helps undo Mt. Hood Wilderness legislation through Congress and to President Obama’s desk, putting in place the settlement to protect Cooper Spur.
- **2010:** Another Victory With Arctic Communities on Off-Shore Drilling. Crag and its clients prevail.
- **2011:** Snowbanking Forest Stands Wins. Crag wins landmark Ninth Circuit ruling for clean water and national salmon. The court’s unanimous decision restores federal compacts to comply with the Clean Water Act for their logging road pollution.
“Crag has built a superior legal team ready to enforce laws and create new law to protect the earth. We are deeply grateful for the vision of Ralph and Chris in creating this unique resource, and gain comfort knowing that Crag stands ready to confront those who exploit the natural world for short-term financial gain. Our financial support of Crag is very simply an essential investment to protect this remarkable bioregion that we call home.”

-DICK & JEANNE ROY - Co-Founders, Center for Earth Leadership

“I donate to Crag because I want all communities to be able to take on the corporate giants who are eating away at our natural resources,”

-KRIS BLEDSOE - Client, Protect Grand Island Farms

“This small client-centered law center is the group to support if one seeks a big bang for the buck! Its creative use of legal tools and strategies helps protect western landscapes that we hold most dear.”

-ANN KRUMBOLTZ - Executive Director - Brainerd Foundation
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Crag is able to provide high quality legal services at low or no cost because of the grassroots support of individuals like you.

By supporting Crag’s work with a financial contribution, you can make sure that communities across the northwest have free and affordable legal representation when they need it most:

**Become a Crag Guardian:** With an affordable monthly or quarterly donation, you can provide essential ongoing support for Crag’s work to provide free and low-cost legal services for local communities.

**Make an annual gift:** Your commitment to make a donation to Crag each year will provide us with a steady base of support to take cases on behalf of communities facing environmental challenges and social injustice.

**Make a one-time donation:** Every donation to Crag goes a long way. Each year Crag provides conservation groups and local communities with over one million dollars worth of legal services, and we are able to do this because of the support of individuals like you.

**Make a legacy gift:** Crag supports communities working to protect the natural legacy of the Pacific Northwest for your generation and for all generations to follow. By remembering Crag in your will, you can make your legacy the protection of our region’s wild and natural places.

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