



Chris Schroeder

President Obama [announced](#) his intention to nominate Chris Schroeder to head the Office of Legal Policy at DOJ. As the announcement indicates, Schroeder is an eminent authority on environmental law:

Christopher H. Schroeder is Charles S. Murphy Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy Studies, and director of the Program in Public Law at Duke University. His publications include a leading environmental law casebook, [Environmental Regulation: Law, Science and Policy \(6th Edition, 2008\)](#), [Presidential Power Stories \(with Curtis A. Bradley, 2008\)](#), [A New Progressive Agenda for Public Health and the Environment \(2005\)](#), a project of the [Center for Progressive Reform \(CPR\)](#), co-edited with [Rena Steinzor](#). He has served on National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine committees to evaluate the use of human intentional dosing studies by EPA and the adequacy of the U.S. drug safety system. . . . Schroeder received his B.A. degree from Princeton University in 1968, a M.Div. from Yale University in 1971, and his J.D. degree from [University of California, Berkeley \(Boalt Hall\)](#) in 1974, where he was editor-in-chief of the [California Law Review](#).

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