

Brian Leiter at Chicago is again doing one of his occasional series identifying the top cited legal scholars in a range of substantive areas. One of the lists he did covered [public law scholars including environmental law](#)- however, his list includes a number of top administrative law scholars who do not focus on environmental and energy law. As [I did the last time](#) Leiter posted these totals, I thought it might be helpful to our readers to have a list that is focused on scholars who work substantially or primarily on environmental and energy law. Unlike Leiter, I've just lumped everyone together without breaking out a separate category for those work only partially in the field—that's because almost all environmental and energy law scholars could be characterized as working in other areas of law, given the interdisciplinary nature of the work. So of course Cass Sunstein is number one. All the caveats that [Leiter has indicated](#) about the utility of looking at cite counts apply here. In particular, I also want to emphasize that citations are only a partial and imperfect measure of scholarship, which in turn is only a partial measure of what environmental and energy law professors do. My numbers differ slightly from Leiter's at times because for most of these scholars, I did my own searches. I used the same [basic methodology](#) as Leiter (including using the new Westlaw TE search function, which eliminates references in star acknowledgment footnotes), and these are citations from 2013-2017, inclusive. If any readers identify any errors or omissions, please let me know in the comments or by email.

Rank	Faculty First Name	Faculty Last Name	School	Cite count
1	Cass	Sunstein	Harvard	5140
2	Dan	Farber	Berkeley	1470
3	Jody	Freeman	Harvard	820
4	Richard	Pierce	GW	810
5	Richard	Stewart	NYU	790
6	Richard	Revesz	NYU	765
7	Jonathan	Adler	Case Western	665
8	Carol	Rose	Arizona	655
9	JB	Ruhl	Vanderbilt	650
10	Richard	Lazarus	Harvard	570
11	Tom	McGarity	Texas	515
12	Jim	Rossi	Vanderbilt	485
13	Vicki	Been	NYU	470

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14	Robin Kundis	Craig	Utah	460
15	Sidney	Shapiro	Wake Forest	455
16	Rob	Glicksman	GWU	450
17	Cary	Coglianesse	Penn	440
18	Doug	Kysar	Yale	410
19	Jim	Salzman	UCLA	405
20	David	Spence	Texas	400
21	Michael	Gerrard	Columbia	375
22	Wendy	Wagner	Texas	370
23	Dan	Tarlock	Chicago-Kent	360
23	Lisa	Heinzerling	Georgetown	360
25	Hannah	Wiseman	Florida State	340
26	Robert	Percival	Maryland	330
27	Michael	Blumm	Lewis and Clark	325
27	Alex	Klass	Minnesota	325
29	Daniel	Bodansky	Arizona State	320
29	Mike	Livermore	Virginia	320