Brian Leiter at Chicago is once again doing his occasional series identifying the top cited legal scholars in the United States in a range of substantive areas. 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 US scholars who work substantially or primarily on environmental and energy law. Like prior years, I haven't separated out scholars whose work is not primarily in environmental law, but still have a significant impact on the field, 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. I also differ from Leiter in including scholars who are currently in government service in my totals.

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. Thanks to Jonathan Adler at Case Western, who did much of the initial legwork on compiling cite counts, though I filled in some gaps and take responsibility for any errors. I used the same basic methodology as Leiter, and these are citations from 2016-2020, 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	4630
2	Thomas	Merrill	Columbia	1400
3	Dan	Farber	Berkeley	1180
4	Richard	Revesz	NYU	760
5	Jody	Freeman	Harvard	690
6	Jonathan	Adler	Case Western	640
6	Richard	Pierce	GWU	640
8	Jeffrey	Rachlinski	Cornell	560
8	Richard	Stewart	NYU	560
10	Richard	Lazarus	Harvard	530
10	JB	Ruhl	Vanderbilt	530
12	Cary	Coglianese	Penn	460

13	Jim	Rossi	Vanderbilt	410
14	Rob	Glicksman	GWU	390
14	Tom	McGarity	Texas	390
14	Sidney	Shapiro	Wake Forest	390
17	Wendy	Wagner	Texas	380
18	Mike	Livermore	Virginia	370
18	Jed	Purdy	Columbia	370
20	Vicki	Been	NYU	360
21	Lisa	Heinzerling	Georgetown	350
21	Doug	Kysar	Yale	350
21	David	Spence	Texas	350
24	Michael	Blumm	Lewis and Clark	340
25	Robin Kundis	Craig	USC	330
26	Michael	Gerrard	Columbia	320
27	Eric	Biber	Berkeley	290
27	Nina	Mendelson	Michigan	290
27	Jim	Salzman	UCLA	290
27	Michael	Vandenbergh	Vanderbilt	290