



## Stanford Experts on the Held vs. Montana Case

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Jacobson was an expert witness in Held vs. Montana, describing to the court the technological and economic feasibility to transition Montana off of fossil fuels by 2050, as well as how the state can supply its energy needs via water, wind, and solar. His work focuses on using computer models to understand issues related to global warming and air pollution, as well as devising clean energy solutions and guiding states and countries toward using 100% renewable energy sources. At Stanford, he is a professor and director of the Atmosphere and Energy program in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and a senior fellow at the Precourt Institute for Energy and the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment.

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