



## **Jacqueline Savitz**

### **Deputy Vice President, U.S. Campaigns**

Jacqueline (Jackie) Savitz is deputy vice president for U.S. campaigns at Oceana, the largest international advocacy group working solely to protect the world's oceans. In this role, she oversees Oceana's Responsible Fishing, Seafood Fraud and Climate and Energy Campaigns. She recently led a feasibility study to develop plans for Oceana's Save the Oceans, Feed the World project. Savitz has also served as acting vice president for North America. During the past decade, Savitz has developed and led several Oceana campaigns, including those focused on climate and energy, mercury contamination and the organization's first pollution campaign, which was focused on cruise ship waste.

Savitz's background in marine biology and environmental toxicology, combined with more than two decades of policy advocacy experience, provides Oceana with a combination of sound science and strategic environmental vision. Savitz has been interviewed by hundreds of news organizations worldwide about a variety of issues and was invited by *The Washington Post* to speak about alternatives to offshore drilling on a distinguished panel of energy experts that included Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes, API president Jack Gerard and Cambridge Energy Research Associates' Daniel Yergin. She has also spoken at two TEDx conferences.

Prior to working with Oceana, Savitz served as executive director of Coast Alliance, a network of more than 600 organizations around the country working to protect U.S. coasts from pollution and development. In the mid-nineties, Savitz worked as an environmental policy analyst with the Environmental Working Group in Washington, D.C., where she focused on the public health effects of water and air pollution and authored a series of reports on water pollution, point source discharges, air quality standards, fish contamination and medical waste disposal. She first worked as an environmental scientist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where she spent five years working on Chesapeake Bay pollution issues.

Savitz earned her master's degree in environmental science with an emphasis in toxicology from the University of Maryland, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and her bachelor's degree in marine science and biology from the University of Miami in Florida.