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requirements of standing, which generally had the effect of limiting the type of injury cognizable in federal court to economic ones.<sup>491</sup>

In 1970, however, the Court promulgated a two-pronged standing test: if the litigant (1) has suffered injury-in-fact and if he (2) shows that the interest he seeks to protect is arguably within the zone of interests to be protected or regulated by the statutory guarantee in question, he has standing.<sup>492</sup> Of even greater importance was the expansion of the nature of the cognizable injury beyond economic injury to encompass “aesthetic, conservational, and recreational” interests as well.<sup>493</sup> “Aesthetic and environmental well-being, like economic well-being, are important ingredients of the quality of life in our society, and the fact that particular environmental interests are shared by the many rather than the few does not make them less deserving of legal protection through the judicial process.”<sup>494</sup> Thus, plaintiffs who pleaded that they used the natural resources of the Washington area, that rail freight rates would deter the recycling of used goods, and that their use of natural re-

<sup>491</sup> *FCC v. Sanders Brothers Radio Station*, 309 U.S. 470, 477 (1940); *City of Chicago v. Atchison, T. & S.F. Ry. Co.*, 357 U.S. 77, 83 (1958); *Hardin v. Kentucky Utilities Co.*, 390 U.S. 1, 7 (1968).

<sup>492</sup> *Ass’n of Data Processing Service Org. v. Camp*, 397 U.S. 150 (1970); *Barlow v. Collins*, 397 U.S. 159 (1970). Justices Brennan and White argued that only injury-in-fact should be requisite for standing. *Id.* at 167. In *Clarke v. Securities Industry Ass’n*, 479 U.S. 388 (1987), the Court applied a liberalized zone-of-interest test. *But see* *Lujan v. National Wildlife Federation*, 497 U.S. 871, 885–889 (1990); *Air Courier Conf. v. American Postal Workers Union*, 498 U.S. 517 (1991). In applying these standards, the Court, once it determined that the litigant’s interests were “arguably protected” by the statute in question, proceeded to the merits without thereafter pausing to inquire whether in fact the interests asserted were among those protected. *Arnold Tours v. Camp*, 400 U.S. 45 (1970); *Investment Company Institute v. Camp*, 401 U.S. 617 (1971); *Boston Stock Exchange v. State Tax Comm’n*, 429 U.S. 318, 320 n.3 (1977). Almost contemporaneously, the Court also liberalized the ripeness requirement in review of administrative actions. *Gardner v. Toilet Goods Ass’n, Inc.*, 387 U.S. 167 (1967); *Abbott Laboratories v. Gardner*, 387 U.S. 136 (1967). *See also* *National Credit Union Administration v. First National Bank & Trust Co.*, 522 U.S. 479 (1998), in which the Court found that a bank had standing to challenge an agency ruling expanding the role of employer credit unions to include multi-employer credit unions, despite a statutory limit that any such union could be of groups having a common bond of occupation or association. The Court held that a plaintiff did not have to show it was the congressional purpose to protect its interests. It is sufficient if the interest asserted is “arguably within the zone of interests to be protected . . . by the statute.” *Id.* at 492 (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). But the Court divided 5-to-4 in applying the test. *See also* *Bennett v. Spear*, 520 U.S. 154 (1997).

<sup>493</sup> *Ass’n of Data Processing Service Org. v. Camp*, 397 U.S. 150, 154 (1970).

<sup>494</sup> *Sierra Club v. Morton*, 405 U.S. 727, 734 (1972). Moreover, said the Court, once a person establishes that he has standing to seek judicial review of an action because of particularized injury to him, he may argue the public interest as a “representative of the public interest,” as a “private attorney general,” so that he may contest not only the action which injures him but the entire complex of actions of which his injury-inducing action is a part. *Id.* at 737–738, noting *Scripps-Howard Radio v. FCC*, 316 U.S. 4 (1942); *FCC v. Sanders Brothers Radio Station*, 309 U.S.