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EMPLOYMENT

Earthjustice
ATTORNEY

2001-2005 / 2008-2012
SEATTLE, WA

Conducted environmental litigation, primarily involving salmon protections in the Northwest and oil and gas activities in the Arctic, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act; drafted memoranda and prepared comments on proposed government policies; argued motions in federal and state court.

Washington Environmental Council
LEGAL DIRECTOR

2005-2008
SEATTLE, WA

Evaluated potential cases and convened legal committee meetings; reviewed legislative proposals; researched state land use issues, principally related to the Growth Management Act; supervised legal interns.

Directed water campaign, including testifying before the state legislature on proposed bills, participating in stakeholder meetings, submitting comments to government agencies, and researching potential reforms to state water law.

Democratic National Committee
RESEARCH ANALYST

2000-2001
WASHINGTON, DC

Researched and drafted materials examining environmental issues related to candidates and political appointees; participated in get-out-the-vote effort and subsequent recount process, including event organization and volunteer coordination.

Howrey & Simon
ATTORNEY

1997-2000
WASHINGTON, DC

Participated in all aspects of litigation, including a five-week trial; researched and wrote memoranda, motions, declarations, and jury instructions; assisted in the preparation of witnesses; defended depositions.

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
LAW CLERK TO JUDGE JAMES L. DENNIS

1996-1997
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Researched and wrote memoranda and draft opinions; coordinated disposition of motions.

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law
JURIS DOCTOR, WITH HONORS, MAY 1996

1993-1996
AUSTIN, TX

Vermont Law School
SUMMER SESSION

Summer 2000
SOUTH ROYALTON, VT

Coursework in the Clean Water Act; the Science of Risk Assessment; and Trade and the Environment

Southern Methodist University
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, DEC. 1992
MINORS IN BUSINESS, HISTORY

1989-1992
DALLAS, TX

OTHER EXPERIENCE / ACTIVITIES

Volunteer/ESL Teacher, Chinese Information Service Center (2009-2011) and Literacy Source (2015)
Board member, King County Conservation Voters (2004-2007)
National Outdoor Leadership School (1993)