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LEGAL EDUCATION:

University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, CO

Juris Doctor degree, May 1999

Honors: Recipient of Charles N. Woodruff Natural Resources Law Fellowship.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Bachelor of Arts in History with minor in Legal Studies December, 1995

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Deputy General Counsel 1999 - 2007

Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV

Deputy General Counsel directly responsible for overseeing and coordinating legal and policy issues primarily related to water resources and environmental compliance. Have represented the SNWA before the Nevada Supreme Court, various federal courts and multiple state and federal administrative agencies, including the Nevada State Engineer. Practice areas include water law, environmental law, constitutional law, municipal corporations, utilities law and real property.

Legal Externship June, 1998 – August, 1998

United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Denver, CO

Work primarily entailed research and writing of memos in the areas of Western Water Law and the Doctrine of Reserved Rights. Specifically, research projects included determining the validity of various methodologies for the quantification of in-stream flows under both state and federal evidentiary standards and the ability of Indian Tribes to use “stored” water to satisfy reserved water rights.

Law Clerk May, 1997 - March, 1998

Patterson & Karpel, P.C., Attorneys at Law, Denver, CO

Researched and wrote memos on various contract, tort, property, evidentiary and corporate issues in preparation for litigation. Drafted complaints, answers, and demand letters.