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Core Strengths

- Legal Research
- Logical Reasoning
- Attention to Detail
- Analytical
- Collaboration
- Project Management
- Technology
- Strong Communication
- Inquisitive
- Problem Solving Abilities

Licenses | Affiliations

- California State Bar - Dec 2012
- United States District Court, Southern District of California
- American Bar Association
- San Diego Bar Association

Research Skills

- Westlaw-Advanced Case Law
- Statutory and Secondary Source Research LexisNexis Professional Research Certified

EDUCATION

Golden Gate University School of Law

MAY 2012

Doctor of Jurisprudence

Specialization: Environmental and Energy Law

Honors: Dean's List: Fall 2009, Spring 2011,
Graduated with Distinctions in Environmental Law.

Activities: Guest Lecturer for Offshore Wind and Wave Energy

Affiliations: Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Environmental Law Society

Lewis and Clark Law School

SUMMER 2011

Summer Energy Law Series

Courses: Fundamentals of Energy Law

- Nuclear Law
- Hydropower and Ocean Wave Development
- Solar and Wind Energy Law
- Wetlands Law including § 404 Jurisdiction
- Renewable Energy Contracts.

California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

AUG 2007

Bachelor of Science

Major: Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering

Awards: BRAE Special Award: Spring 2001, 2002, 2003

Activities: Senior Design Project: Redesigned and computerized a building material testing machine.

■ Developed instruction manuals for client training, 2006.

■ Quarter Scale Tractor: yearly team design competition, 2000 – 2007. Received design team award in writing competition.

■ Agricultural Department Student Council Representative, 2002

■ Agricultural Engineering Society Student / Faculty Liaison, 2002

EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Deputy City Attorney

11/2015 - Present

San Diego City Attorney's Office

Civil Section - Litigation and Advisory

- Provided legal services to the Advisory and Civil Litigation Divisions in a time sensitive environment
- Conducted legal research. Wrote memos, motions, demurrers and MSJs
- Actively participated in mediations, depositions, and preparing City and Expert witnesses
- Specialized in Environmental and Technology Issues

Legal Research Attorney

5/2013 – 9/2015

Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco

Honorable Judge Gail Dekreon

- Worked an assortment of cases in the criminal and traffic court
- Observed numerous criminal jury trials and assisted the Judge during those trials
- Supervised a team of externs, drafted orders, modified form jury instructions, provided technical support during trials, and served as an official liaison between the Attorneys of record and the Judge
- Researched a variety of issues and reported the results and analysis into Memos.
- Researched and briefed the Judge on the law and procedures for a “not guilty by reason of insanity” plea and became knowledgeable and competent at calculating ‘three-strikes sentences’ under the amended law
- Produced advisement, arraignment and trial instruction videos to be played for pro per defendants before the start of Court sessions
- Updated the Court's Duty Judge and Traffic Court Manuals

Certified Law Clerk

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

8/2011 – 5/2012

Golden Gate University School of Law

- Performed legal services for Golden Gate University's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic
- Researched complex legal issues, drafted legal memos, wrote scientific reports and met directly with individuals from various organizations in anticipation of upcoming litigation
- Anticipated opposing arguments and constructed persuasive counterarguments

Independent Consultant

6/2001 – 10/2015

Michael Caplan Consulting

- Consulted primarily on water and energy management projects for water and irrigation districts throughout California including writing engineering reports and grants
- Provided computer and engineering services for a growing automation companies

System Analyst

6/2001 – 6/2007

BRAE Department

California Polytechnic State University