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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I am an associate attorney with the law firm of McElroy, Meyer, Walker & Condon, P.C. My practice is primarily dedicated to representing Indian tribes and their members by providing research and analytical support in the litigation, administrative, and negotiation contexts. My practice also involves water rights litigation in the Colorado water court system.

Prior to joining the firm, I served as a Deputy Attorney General with the Colorado River Indian Tribes in western Arizona. In this capacity I represented the tribe, including all its departments and business enterprises, in matters as varied as contracts and leases, land ownership disputes, water quality and other environmental issues, gaming, and TERO compliance, among others. In particular, I represented the tribe in a significant groundwater contamination cleanup effort involving federal, state, private, and other tribal parties and which raised issues related to the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. I also drafted tribal ordinances, developed Plans of Operations for several business enterprises, negotiated with the federal government and the states of Arizona and California on behalf of the tribe, and regularly appeared in the Tribal Court to conduct civil and juvenile hearings.

During law school I worked as a Research Assistant for Professor Charles Wilkinson, a renowned public lands and Indian law scholar. My work for him primarily related to the book he was writing at that time, "Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations," but also included a semester of independent legal research on the use of the Chinook Jargon language to negotiate treaties with Pacific Northwest Indian tribes.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate Attorney, McElroy, Meyer, Walker & Condon, P.C.; Boulder, CO
(January 2009 to present):

Research for and write motions, briefs, and memos related to the representation of Indian tribes in both federal and state court litigation. Tribal issues primarily involve water rights, land rights, cultural resources, civil jurisdiction, and other matters. Research for

and litigate water rights in the Colorado water courts, including applications for absolute and conditional decrees, changes of water rights, augmentation plans, and exchanges.

Deputy Attorney General, Colorado River Indian Tribes; Parker, AZ
(August 2007 to December 2008):

Served as in-house counsel to the Tribes, providing legal support to all its departments and business enterprises. Represented the Tribes in negotiations with federal and state governments and agencies. Reviewed and drafted contracts and leases, advised Tribal Council on policy matters, and conducted numerous civil hearings in the tribal court, among many other recurring tasks.

Law Clerk, District Court Judge Gerald Rafferty; Centennial, CO
(July 2006 to August 2007):

Researched for and wrote draft judicial orders and memos, covering an array of legal issues in both civil and criminal cases. Managed the civil docket on the LexisNexis electronic filing system.

Research Assistant, Professor Charles Wilkinson; Boulder, CO
(September 2003 to June 2005):

Researched, indexed, and cite-checked for the book, "Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations." Researched and wrote memos on a variety of legal topics, including the Clean Air Act, NEPA, preemption-era land rights, and the treaty-making process with various Indian tribes.

Research Assistant, Natural Resources Law Center; Boulder, CO
(Summer 2004):

Authored two reports analyzing whether conservation easements could be implemented into the existing property laws of either the Northern Mariana Islands or the Marshall Islands.

Law Clerk, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility; Washington, D.C.
(Summer 2003):

Drafted pleadings supporting governmental employees in whistle blower protection lawsuits. Composed Freedom of Information Act requests related to the Army Corps of Engineers' compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Teacher, Serrano Middle School; Montclair, CA
(September 2000 to June 2002):

Taught seventh and eighth grade math, science, social studies, and physical education.
Coached basketball and softball.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Colorado School of Law; Boulder, CO (2005):

Associate Editor, Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy
Recipient, John & Cynthia Schultz Scholarship (federal Indian and environmental law)
Recipient, Environmental Law Society Summer Scholarship

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, University of California at Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA
(1995):

Member, Golden Key National Honor Society
Member, Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Admitted to Colorado State Bar (January 2006)
Member, Federal Bar Association
Member, Colorado Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

Transboundary Air Pollution: Developments During 2004, 16 COLORADO JOURNAL OF
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY: 2004 YEARBOOK 123-132 (Summer
2005)