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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law** Las Vegas, Nevada  
*Senior Fellow & Adjunct Professor* 2019-present

- Founder, Climate & Sustainability Law Project
- *Nevada 2020 State Climate Strategy*, [Legal Barriers to Decarbonization](#) team: led team of Boyd students and faculty providing legal research and policy recommendations to the Nevada Office of Attorney General, which reviewed research before incorporation in final report
- Model law drafter, [Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization](#)
- Devised and teach innovative class on drafting legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Occasional advice to Environmental Law Society on employment opportunities

**Publications**

*Nevada 2020 State Climate Strategy* (Dec. 2020), <https://climateaction.nv.gov/our-strategy/> (multiple authors)

*Three New Model Documents on Supporting Hydrogen Fueling Stations for Heavy Duty Vehicles*, *Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization* (Aug. 10, 2020), <https://lpdd.org/three-new-model-documents-on-supporting-hydrogen-fueling-stations-for-heavy-duty-vehicles/>

*Integrated Circuit Repair Using Focused Ion Beam Milling*, 4 *Journal of Vacuum Science & Technology B* 181 (1986) with L.R. Harriott & A. Wagner

**Speaking Engagements**

Native American Presidential Forum, panel moderator for [Climate Change, Environmental, Sacred Sites – What Indian Country Can Teach the United States](#) (Jan. 15, 2020)

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**U.S. EPA Region III** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
*Senior Assistant Regional Counsel* 1998-2019 except for management positions noted below  
*Assistant Regional Counsel* 1996-1998

Strength in reaching compromise among multiple stakeholders. Negotiated successful settlements in contentious, high profile federal facility Superfund cases. Helped establish and maintain over \$430 million in financial assurance for Region III Superfund cleanups. Member of Region III Freedom of Information Act Expert Assistance Team.

Led EPA's response to over 20 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for about 75,000 documents related to the Freedom Industries chemical spill in Charleston, WV. Coordinated response of three regional and seven HQ offices; advised EPA Region III senior leaders on managing response. Trained and oversaw more than 20 reviewers; advocated for and helped hire additional reviewers.

*Acting Associate Regional Counsel, Site Remediation Branch 4* 2011  
Managed group of attorneys working on privately and federally owned Superfund sites, grants, contracts and government ethics.

*Associate Regional Counsel for Regulatory Enforcement* 2003-2005  
Supervised attorneys and paralegals working on multi-statute environmental enforcement cases; asserting EPA claims in bankruptcy; negotiating innovative environmental compliance (Project XL) agreements; and settling cases with companies that self-disclosed violations of environmental laws. Advice on multiple environmental statutes and regulatory schemes.

#### *Awards*

- EPA Region III Public Service Award (2014)
- National Notable Achievement Award - Financial Management Team (2007)
- Federal Executive Board Silver Medal - Economy in Government Award (2006)
- EPA Silver Medal - Motiva Delaware Refinery Acid Tank Explosion Team (2005)
- OECA Bronze Medal - Former Nansmond Ordnance Depot (1999)
- Region III Bronze Medal - Washington Navy Yard (1997)

**U.S. EPA Region II** New York, New York  
*Assistant Regional Counsel, New Jersey Superfund Branch* June 1995 - August 1996  
Helped negotiate settlement of Lipari Landfill Superfund cost recovery claim; successfully negotiated consent order to clean up abandoned electroplating facility in Pitman, NJ; helped gain access to abandoned electroplating facility in Newark, NJ.

**Debevoise & Plimpton** New York, New York  
*Litigation Associate* September 1990 - June 1995  
Broad experience in complex civil litigation, with emphasis on class actions, mass consolidations and multidistrict litigation; worked on and led teams of attorneys and paralegals working on legal briefs and discovery in asbestos products liability mass tort litigation, breach of contract action, accounting malpractice, age discrimination and ERISA employment disputes, and securities fraud class actions.

**Chambers of the Honorable Robert E. Cowen** Trenton, New Jersey  
**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit** September 1989 - September 1990  
*Law Clerk*  
Prepared bench memoranda, assisted in drafting opinions and judgments in criminal, bankruptcy, personal injury, prisoners' rights and Rule 11 matters.

**Chambers of the Honorable Thomas C. Platt**  
**Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.**

*Law Clerk*

Drafted memoranda and orders in criminal, habeas corpus, prisoners' rights and social security cases. Assisted during criminal trials and hearings, including trial and pre-trial stages of *United States v. Thomas Mickens*.

Brooklyn, New York  
September 1988 - September 1989

**NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE**

**Philadelphia Chess Society**

*Founding member*

Philadelphia, PA  
2012-2018

In partnership with Philadelphia After School Activities Partnership, helped raise \$10,000 in 2012-13 to send 40 inner-city Philadelphia public school students to Supernationals V, the combined elementary, middle and high school national chess championship. Continued to fundraise and support 2014-18.

**Academy @ Palumbo High School Chess Team**

*Head Coach*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2008-2019

Taught, coached, mentored and managed ethnically, racially, socio-economically diverse team of inner city Philadelphia scholastic chess players. Recruited and directed additional chess coaches, parents and volunteers; raised funds and managed budget.

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> place teams, K-12 Under 1200 Section, National High School Chess Championships (2018, 2017, 2015)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place team, Philadelphia Scholastic Chess League Championship (2014)

**TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

**AT&T Bell Laboratories**

*Senior Technical Associate*

Murray Hill, New Jersey  
September 1983 - August 1985

Helped research and develop innovative methods to fabricate and repair very large scale integrated circuits.

**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University School of Law**

J.D., May 1988

Editor-in-Chief, Columbia Journal of Environmental Law, 1987-88

Soup kitchen volunteer, Broadway Presbyterian Church

New York, New York

**Williams College**

B.A., *cum laude*, with Honors in Physics, May 1983

Phi Beta Kappa, Howard P. Stabler Prize in Physics; three-time NCAA Div. III Swimming All-America; co-captain of swim team, 1982-83

Williamstown, Massachusetts

## **SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Member, Board of Directors, Southern Nevada Conservancy, 2021-present

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Admitted to Bars of New Jersey; New York; E.D.N.Y.; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

## **PERSONAL**

Enjoy hiking, bicycling, surfing, swimming, chess, singing.