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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, WASHINGTON D.C.

Deputy Solicitor, Wildlife and Parks, 11/2019 to 1/2021

Secretarially appointed attorney for the Department of the Interior of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Parks Service. Responsible for legal analysis and policy direction related to the Endangered Species Act, various National Parks Organic Acts, and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Additionally was appointed to the writing team for the revision of the regulations to the National Environmental Policy Act.

BUDD-FALEN LAW OFFICES, L.L.C., CHEYENNE, WYOMING.

Attorney at Law, 6/92 to 11/2019 and 3/2021 to present

Co-Owner of a multi-attorney law firm specializing in federal lands, endangered species, clean water and natural resources law. Attorneys in my firm represent both local governments and private individuals to protect private rights and community stability on private and federal lands.

DRAY, MADISON AND THOMSON, CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Attorney at Law, 3/89 to 6/92

Senior associate in general practice law firm, specializing in federal lands, endangered species, natural resources, administrative law and general land use planning. Assisted clients in all phases of federal administrative appeals, litigation and negotiation.

MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION, DENVER, COLORADO

Attorney at Law, 8/87 to 12/88

Staff attorney for public interest foundation specializing in natural resources, environmental, public land, and administrative law. Extensive public speaking, agency testimony, client contact and oral advocacy involved. Represented clients with interests in grazing, timber, and oil and gas.

WYOMING STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Intern, 1/85 to 3/85; 1/87 to 3/87; and 1/89 to 3/89

Drafted legislation and amendments for four House standing committees with jurisdiction over agriculture, wildlife, recreation, transportation and tourism issues. Wrote press releases, speeches and position statements.

SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, BRANCH OF WATER AND POWER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Law Clerk, 5/86 to 8/86

Provided technical, legal and political advice on Bureau of Reclamation law as applied in specific situations. Wrote legal and factual case descriptions for the U.S. Department of Justice to use in defending Interior suits.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Special Assistant, 2/82 to 8/84

Provided technical and political expertise on federal land and wilderness issues. Designed and managed three bureau-wide task management computer systems. Advised the Secretary on appointments to national and local advisory boards. Communicated with congressional committees.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING COLLEGE OF LAW, LARAMIE, WYOMING

Juris Doctor, May, 1987

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, WYOMING

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism August, 1979; Bachelor of Arts Political Science, May, 1982

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Admitted to Practice - State of Wyoming, U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming, 1987; Supreme Court State of Wyoming, 1987; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1990; U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 1990; Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1995; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1998; Supreme Court of the United States, 1999; U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, 2003; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 2004; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2004; U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2006; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2007; State of New Mexico, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Honorary Chapter Degree - Frontier Chapter Future Farmers of America, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Individual of the Year - Arizona and New Mexico Coalition of Counties for Stable Economic Growth, 2011.
- Bud Eppers Memorial Award - New Mexico Public Lands Council, 2005.
- "Always There Helping" - New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, 2003.
- Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame - Wyoming Livestock Journal, 2001.
- Founding Fathers Award - Arizona and New Mexico Coalition of Counties for Stable Economic Growth, 1999.
- Who's Who: 20 For the Future -- *Newsweek*, September 30, 1991.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- *Waters of the U.S. Rule Update*, Select Federal Natural Resources Committee, Casper, Wyoming, August 18, 2016.
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- *Field Hearing on Regulatory Burdens Placed on the Livestock Industry*, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Evanston, Wyoming, August 6, 2015.

- *Legislative Hearing on H.R. 435 (Hastings); H.R. 4317 (Neugebauer) and H.R. 4318 (Huizenga)*, Committee on Natural Resources, Washington D.C., April 8, 2014.
- *Oversight Hearing on “A Washington, D.C. Based Bureaucratic Invention with Potential Water Conservation and Property Rights Impacts: The National Blueways Order,”* U.S. House of Representative Committee on Natural Resources, Washington D.C., 2013.
- *Oversight Hearing on “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies,* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, Washington, D.C., October 29, 2013.
- *Oversight Hearing on “The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts,”* U.S. House of Representative Committee on Natural Resources, Washington D.C., 2011.
- *Select Committee on Federal Natural Resource Management,* Wyoming State Legislature, Douglas Wyoming, 2011.
- *Task Force on Improving the National Environmental Policy Act,* U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources, Field Hearing, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, 2005.
- *Oversight Hearing on the Endangered Species Act’s Impact in New Mexico,* Committee on Resources, Clovis ,New Mexico, 1998.
- *Oversight Hearing on Livestock Grazing Policies on National Forests,* Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health, Washington D.C., 1997.
- *Protecting Community Stability and Local Economics: Opportunities for Local Government Influence in Federal Decision and Policy-Making Processes,* Rowman and Littlefield, 1996.
- *The Right to Graze Livestock on the Federal Lands: The Historical Development of Western Grazing Rights,* Idaho Law Review, 1993-1994.

AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Wyoming Water Development Commission; Four-year term appointment by Wyoming Governor and Confirmation by Wyoming State Senate, 2012.
- Board of Directors; Wyoming Natural Resources Foundation, 2012.
- Coach, Future Farmers of America Agriculture Issues Career Development Event, National Champions 2010; 2012.