

- Represented agency in litigation in federal and state court proceedings regarding real property, constitutional issues, licensing, Endangered species Act, and river conflicts.
- Served as hearing officer for public hearings and contested cases hearings.

Legislative Environmental Policy Analyst

Environmental Quality Council, Helena, Montana 1995-1997

- Developed and recommended to the governor and legislature state policies to foster and promote the improvement of environmental quality.
- Taught Montana Environmental Policy Act classes to state agencies.
- Reviewed MEPA and NEPA documents for compliance with the acts.
- Provided analytical overviews of environmental and natural resource issues. For example, analyzed water policy issues for legislative subcommittee on water policy and conducted comprehensive study of growth issues in Montana.
- Drafted and amended legislation for legislative services.
- Staffed standing legislative committees on natural resources and local government.
- Worked in nonpartisan manner with persons representing diverse interests in natural resource management.

Judicial Clerk

The Honorable James C. Nelson, Montana Supreme Court, Helena, Montana, 6/95-9/96

- Reviewed briefs and court records and conducted independent research to draft proposed opinions and orders.
- Developed expertise in and tremendous respect for Montana constitutional law, specifically Montana's right to a clean and healthful environment.

Special Project Coordinator

Valleys Planning Council, Towson, Maryland, 8/94-1/95

- Coordinated citizen initiatives to preserve historic farms.
- Represented organization in local government hearings and in negotiations with landowners.

Legal Intern

National Wildlife Federation, Missoula, Montana, 9/93-9/94.

- Researched and drafted Forest Service appeals and Freedom of Information Act requests.
- Researched and drafted complaints, motions, and supporting briefs on oil and gas leases, range management, wildlife management, natural resource damage laws, and the Endangered Species Act.