

## **Deputy Solicitor Parks and Wildlife**

United States Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 2011-2013

- Served as an alternate to and acted for the Solicitor as counsel to the Secretary of the Interior for issues arising in parks and recreation, fish and wildlife, environmental protection, natural resources assessment and restoration, and land and water conservation law.
- Served as solicitor and advisor to the National Park Service and the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Collaborated with the United States Attorney General and other officials at the Department of Justice and other government agency officials involved in litigation affecting or arising from programs of the Department of Interior, including personally representing the Department of the Interior on high profile, controversial, complex or precedent setting litigation and administrative appeals.
- Developed, set, and applied overall legal policies, strategies, program objectives and initiatives for the Department of the Interior, including exercising final decision authority as delegated by the Solicitor.
- Represented the Department of the Interior before stakeholder groups, Congressional committees, White House officials, and other government officials.
- Served as the Solicitor's and the Department of the Interior's point of contact for partnerships with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribal governments, private industry, nongovernmental organizations, and colleges and universities and convey the missions, functions, programs, and goals of the Department of the Interior.
- Shared in the management and direction of over 300 attorneys and additional support personnel headquartered in Washington, DC and in the regional and field offices throughout the country.

## **Agency Legal Counsel**

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena, Montana, 1998-2011

- Advised and represented agency on real estate transactions including structuring and negotiating land transactions, drafting conveyance documents, outlining federal aid requirements, and closing transactions. Drafted conveyance documents for fee title, conservation easements, rights-of-way, and leases. Served as liaison to other governmental and nongovernmental entities, landowners, and attorneys. Taught continuing legal education classes on real property law.
- Advised and represented the agency on the Endangered Species Act policy and litigation. Stayed abreast of current legal issues regarding the Endangered Species Act.
- Advised and represented the agency on state and national environmental policy acts and taught class on public participation in government.