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- Senior environmental affairs and engagement executive with a distinguished history of developing and implementing policy assistance, building coalitions, determining communications strategies, and promoting agendas in the emerging clean, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation sectors that simultaneously advance climate and labor opportunities.
- Strategic partner and advisor to executive leaders, union members, business owners, legislators, utilities, and other stakeholders. Influence policy roadmaps as core member of key national and local committees, agencies, task forces.
- Championed the creation of the Los Angeles IBEW Local Union 11's and NECA's first comprehensive governmental affairs policy for clean energy. Positioned union at the industry forefront, strengthening both labor and climate sustainability.

**STRATEGIC COMPETENCIES:** Strategic Planning • Policy Development • Regulatory Affairs • Legislative & Government Agency Relations • Coalition Building • Project Management • Internal & External Communications • Convening Stakeholder Engagement • Influencing • Public Speaking • Sustainability • Union Relations • Legal Analysis • Legislation Development • Regulatory Interpretation • Vision Definition • Executive Leadership

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL UNION 11 AND NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, LABOR MANAGEMENT COOPERATION COMMITTEE:** Los Angeles, CA 2016–Present  
**Director of Workforce & Environmental Engagement**

Recruited by joint agency representing 12,200-member electrical workers' union and 400+ contractors in LA County to define and lead the governmental affairs strategy for the clean energy, transportation, and renewable electrical energy sectors. Identify and promote strategic opportunities for IBEW/NECA labor utilization, influence legislative and regulatory agendas, and drive adoption of utility-scale applied cleaner technologies and other electrification applications via executive leadership in joint policy development; coalition development; relations with local, state, and federal governments, agencies, and utilities; and public speaking, external communications, and advocacy.

- **Provide policy direction for climate and clean energy issues.** Provide policy support for Los Angeles IBEW/ NECA leadership specifically in the context of decarbonization and green-house gas reduction efforts in transportation, goods movement, energy procurement and port electrification.
- **Provide policy pathways for IBEW fossil-fuel and refining jobs preservation.** As a gubernatorial-appointed, **Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee Board Member**, brought labor to the forefront of California Environmental Protection Agency Cap and Trade Allowance discussions.
- **Embedded clean electrical opportunity promotion as key member priority.** Strengthened labor policy and influence by aligning stakeholders on 360° strategy that elevated union image and furthered both regional power policy and projects.
- **Developed IBEW Local 11's branding, "We do the Entire Spectrum of Energy Work, from fossil fuel to clean energy and zero emission transportation."** Drove **reimagining of stakeholder engagement opportunities** and integrated in prior Oil Refinery/Air Quality Management Districts and Port adversaries into collective, common engagement actions.
- **Led multi-state effort to establish organizational support for Port Electrification legislation.** Convened local and national union leadership meetings to develop policy and advocacy efforts for legislation regarding plug-in, grid-based shore power, as opposed to current GHG-emitting bunker fuels typical of large vessels.
- **Accelerated renewable energy strategy involving both executive leadership and broader membership.** Led top-down and grassroots communications to promote dialogues demonstrating long-term viability and ROI of approach.
- **Elevated IBEW/NECA policy impact and visibility as clean energy leader** via initiation of direct advocacy with California Air Resource Board (CARB), LA County Board of Supervisors, ports, transit agencies, and community choice aggregators.
- **Presented as subject matter expert and advocate at public proceedings and town halls** for Public Utilities Commission, California Air Resources Board, Caltrans, LA Metropolitan Transit Authority, LA County Board of Supervisors, Port of Long Beach, and Southern California Edison.
- **Fostered new constituencies via creation of coalitions with several leading environmental groups.** Partnered with Sierra Club and Center for Biological Diversity to influence utility adoption of power procurement SOPs.

- **Led team in acquisition of \$25M in new IBEW labor opportunities via successful lobbying of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.** Played instrumental role in driving agency’s transition to fleet of zero-emission electric buses.
- **Project managed novel \$2.5M US Department of Energy SETO grant application promoting solar labor apprenticeships.** Sold vision to IBEW/NECA leadership and partnered with National Renewable Energy Laboratories on documentation.
- **Facilitated California and US bills advancing policy objectives, including the Climate Smart Ports Act (HR 7024 & S 4046), and Efficiency and Sustainability Projects for Schools Pilot (AB 386).** Performed legal analysis, advised lawmakers.
- **Leveraged policy wins to elevate profile of IBEW as leading trade union creating renewable energy and zero-emissions related careers.** Drove collaboration on messaging for public relations and external affairs strategies.
- **Selected to serve as member of Biden-Harris 2020 National Policy Task Force for Climate, Energy & Environment.** Served as lead in policy for Port Electrification and Charging Infrastructure workforce development workstreams.
- **Prepared IBEW leaders for speaking engagements.** Developed policy positions, talking points, and strategies for board meetings, regulatory hearings, union meetings, and other public venues.
- **Invited by US Departments of State & Commerce to present as speaker at Brasil Solar Conference on “US Experience with Professional Photovoltaic Training for Solar Voltaic Sector.”** Hosted subsequent delegation of Brazilian dignitaries.
- **Promoted policy in leadership roles with:** California EPA, Independent Emission Market Advisory Committee, **Board Member- Provide Analysis re: California’s Cap and Trade Policy**; City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board, **Board Member**; and the California Public Utilities Commission Energy Efficiency Procurement Review Group (Workforce Standards).

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## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

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**UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Juris Doctor (JD) Degree, Concentration in Corporate Law**

**European Union Law, Tax and Institutions:**  
**Semester Abroad in Italy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium (NATO HQ) & England, Loyola Law School**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON:** Fullerton, CA  
**Bachelor of Arts, Communications (Graduated with High Honors)**

**RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Whittier, CA  
**Associate Degree**

**BAR MEMBERSHIP:** California and New York State Bar Admissions

**DISTRICT COURT ADMISSION:** US District Court for the Southern District of California

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## INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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**BIDEN-HARRIS 2020 NATIONAL POLICY TASK FORCE – CLIMATE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**  
**Zero Emissions Charging Infrastructure First 100 Days Document; Skilled Workforce, Community Benefits and Targeted Hiring Lead. Port Electrification First 100 Days Document, Document Lead.**

**INDEPENDENT EMISSION MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, BOARD MEMBER;** Analyzed the environmental and economic performance of California’s cap-and-trade program with consideration to the significant labor implications & report findings to the California Air Resources Board and the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change (Appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom).

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES, Workforce Development Board Member** (Appointed by City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti).

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AGENCY  
Vice Chair – Sustainability Council

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Member – Energy Efficiency Procurement Review Group

OPEIU (OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION) LOCALS 30 & 537  
Management Trustee

### PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICES OF JENNIFER J. KROPKE: Glendora, CA Principal • Disability Civil Rights Litigation	2008–2014
ROBERTS & ADAMS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW: Huntington Beach, CA Senior Trial Counsel	2007–2008
LAW OFFICES OF OMAR GASTELUM & ASSOCIATES: Whittier, CA Trial Counsel	2005–2007
LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD S. SAILOR & ASSOCIATES: Whittier, CA Associate Attorney	2003–2005
CITY OF NEW YORK DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES: New York, NY Staff Attorney	2001–2003
ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE, LLP, New York, NY Associate	2000-2001

*Detailed Listing of Speaking Engagements Available Upon Request*