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EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER COLLEGE OF LAW

Assistant Professor of Teaching/Visiting Professor/Senior Lecturer

Denver, October 2001 to present.

Teach courses on constitutional law including: Advanced Constitutional Law: Individual Rights, Constitutional Decision Making, Constitutional Decisions in Historical Context, and Constitutional Law I. Also teach Administrative Law, Environmental Law, Property, and other courses. Created and conducted environmental law clinic. Supervises student research. SBA teacher awards.

EARTHLAW/TWO RIVERS INSTITUTE

Executive Director

Denver, Palo Alto; January 1994 to present.

Founded Two Rivers Institute (formerly Earthlaw), a 501(c)(3) public-interest law group; planned and founded Stanford University Law School Earthlaw Clinic and University of Denver College of Law environmental Law Clinic; created successful legal campaign to preserve biodiversity in desert rivers, riparian areas, and ancient forests; successfully litigated constitutional, biodiversity, toxics, public lands, and endangered species issues; organized diverse public and private agencies to create \$4.5 million outdoor education facility for inner-city, minority students; created public interest group to restore, preserve, and create greenway along region's most-polluted waterway. Frequent lecturer on environmental, advocacy for social change, and general legal topics. Successfully litigated rule of law and human rights cases.

EARTHJUSTICE

Managing Attorney, Staff Attorney

Denver; January 1989 to January 1994.

Environmental litigator for prominent public interest, environmental law firm; water pollution, air pollution, biodiversity, endangered species, and national park issues. Brought suits resulting in record-setting penalties against polluters under the Clean Water Act; organized and led successful effort to change state pollution policy; challenged state and EPA compliance with Clean Air Act; supervised use of over \$3 million in settlement money. Spokesperson on regional environmental problems.

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER

Attorney

Denver and Seattle; October 1985 to January 1989.

Heavy trial and discovery docket; toxic torts, product liability, and natural resources work with experience in mining law and land use at major national law firm.

APPELLATE DEFENDER

Intern

Chicago, Summer 1982.

Wrote briefs and habeas petitions concerning criminal law and individual rights.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO OMBUDSMAN

University of Chicago

Chicago; August 1984-June 1985

Investigated student grievances when the existing channels of communication or dispute resolution proved unsatisfactory, suggested remedial steps to other members of University faculty or administration, and called attention to any injustices and abuses of power or discretion that were unsatisfactorily resolved. Recommended changes to University rules, procedures, and policies when appropriate.

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL; J.D. June 1985. University Ombudsman; Research Assistant for the former Attorney General Edward H. Levi; Chicago Law Foundation; promoter of public interest homeless aid corporation.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO; A.B. biology 1978; Dean's list; reporter for local radio station; tutor; student government; volunteer in hospital emergency room.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

THE ODYSSEY SCHOOL, Co-Founder

Denver, Colorado; 1995

Helped create public elementary school emphasizing Outward Bound principles.

BLUFF LAKE NATURE CENTER, Co-Founder

Denver, Colorado; 1994

Collaborated in the creation of outdoor education center for urban children.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Visiting Research Specialist

Urbana, Illinois; June 1981 to June 1982.

Responsible for experimental design, data analysis, and management of botany laboratory investigating toxic materials.

PEACE CORPS, LIBERIA, Volunteer

West Africa; December 1978 to January 1981.

High School Math and Science Chairman; organized community efforts to obtain self-help school and coordinated construction; initiated adult literacy and continuing education programs; developed skills renewal program for teachers in region; rural development projects.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Teacher

Grand Rapids, Michigan; July 1978 to December 1978.

Outdoor Education Instructor.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SLEEP LABORATORY, Histologist

Chicago, Illinois; January 1978 to June 1978.

Responsible for preparation of laboratory animals used in experiments exploring aging, sleep, and natural rhythms.

BOARD EXPERIENCE:

Board member: Nomogaia, Global Human Rights

Past board member: American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, Southwest Forest Alliance (founding), Center for Biological Diversity, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

OUTSIDE INTERESTS:

Reading - Bicycling - Backpacking - Computer programming - Baseball