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LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT & POLICY EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, *Puget Sound Partnership, Tacoma, WA (February 2014 – present)*

Leads the 50+ employee Washington State cabinet-level agency charged with mobilizing more than 750 partner organizations to achieve the restoration, recovery and protection of Puget Sound, the largest estuary in the nation by water volume.

- Focuses on the strategic alignment of federal, tribal, state and local policies, funding and actions to accelerate recovery efforts.
- Serves as the Vice Chair of Communications for the Association of National Estuary Programs.

Assistant to City Manager, *Office of the City Manager of the City of Bellevue, WA (2006 – 2014)*

Provided policy and strategic advice to the City Manager and the leadership team, led key initiatives, and advanced innovative ways to achieve the organization's mission.

- Developed the City's first comprehensive sustainability initiative, which addressed the following topic areas: energy and water, mobility and land use, ecosystems and open spaces, materials management and waste, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Founded the C-7 New Energy Partnership, a seven-city collaboration focused on identifying regional opportunities for energy efficiency and clean mobility projects.
- Worked across sectors to help bring transformational investment activities for electric vehicles to the region (included serving on Governor Gregoire's Electric Vehicle Task Force).

Regulatory Desk-Officer (Interim), *Office of the President of the United States, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington D.C. (summer, 2003)*

Reviewed proposed federal agency rulemaking in the areas of natural resources and the environment to determine compliance with Presidential Executive Orders.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Corporate and Securities Attorney, *Miami, FL (1995 – 2002)*

Greenberg Traurig (1999 – 2002)

- Practiced all aspects of corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions; '33 and '34 Act filings; providing access to capital markets; and providing counsel on matters of corporate strategy and governance.

White & Case (1998 – 1999)

- Focused on venture capital transactions and leveraged buyouts.

Bilzin Sumberg (1995 – 1998)

- Focused on complex corporate and real estate transactions.

EDUCATION

- *Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2004*
- *Juris Doctorate, Columbia University School of Law, 1995*
- *Bachelor of Arts, College of Environmental Design, University of California at Berkeley, 1990*