

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
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1. Your Name: Paul C. Blackburn		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No ☒
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes	No ☒
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: None.		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that <u>you or the entity you represent have received</u> on or after October 1, 2011: None.		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing:		
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9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature _____

Date: 10/24/2013 _____

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Experience:

Blackcreek Environmental Consulting

Principal, October 2011 to present, Minneapolis, MN

Provided research and advice on a variety of technical, regulatory, and legislative matters related to pipeline development, electric utilities, and solar energy policy development. Assisted a small rural community with land use controls related to a proposed aggregate mine.

Plains Justice

Staff Attorney, May 2008 to April 2011, Vermillion, SD

Performed administrative litigation related to crude oil pipelines and a coal processing facility. Prepared extensive technical reports on crude oil pipeline steel defects, oil spill emergency response planning, and Canadian crude oil export forecasts. Established a 4-person office for a nonprofit law and policy center.

Community-Based Energy Development Initiative (C-BED Initiative)

Executive Director, August 2007 to March 2008, Minneapolis, MN.

Served as Executive Director of a startup community energy advocacy organization. In the first month of employment, designed, prepared, and submitted a successful grant proposal for a competitive \$1 million state-funded grant. Negotiated transfer of this grant to a partner organization and ensured accomplishment of organizational objectives through cooperative program design and development efforts.

Windustry

Senior Policy Representative, December 2006 to July 2007, Minneapolis, MN.

Performed policy analysis and advocacy related to community wind energy development, including matters related to protection of landowner wind rights and state community energy development programs. Researched and drafted policy documents on a wide variety of community energy issues. Developed advocacy program plans and drafted grant proposals.

Campaign to Stop the Sunrise Powerlink

Legal Representative and Coalition Manager, 2006, San Diego, CA.

Represented environmental groups in transmission line application proceeding. Prepared pleadings and performed research on utility law, NEPA, CEQA, state global warming laws, and state and federal due process. Prevented adoption of accelerated illegal procedures. Successfully advocated for expansion of NEPA and CEQA scoping process.

Move San Diego, Inc.

Acting Executive Director, 2003 to 2005, San Diego, CA.

Founded local transportation reform organization; hired two full-time staff, secured funding for a regional transit study, created a rideshare website, and engaged in startup marketing. Created Transit Riders United, a transit rider outreach campaign, and within six weeks of the start of funding developed a website and hired four part-time staff who surveyed 150 transit riders, collected over 500 postcards, and developed a list of over 400 transit riders. Performed administrative startup efforts including managing incorporation process, filing 501(c)(3) documentation, recruiting directors, preparing strategic plan and grant documents, drafting and negotiating consultant contracts, and managing executive director hiring process.

Oceana, Inc.

Ocean Activist Campaign Developer/National Field Director, 2001 to 2003, Washington, DC.

Established field department for new ocean conservation organization. Created and implemented department development campaign on time and under budget that included hiring five staff, establishing five regional field offices, and developing/implementing state-level outreach campaigns for each office, as well as a DC-based campus outreach program. Managed a grassroots and media pressure campaign to defend litigation victories.

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Consultant, June to August 2001, Washington, DC.
Developed and managed process to create a statewide conservation action plan.

National Environmental Trust

Regional Field Manager, Western Region, 1999 to 2001, Washington, DC.
Prepared report on international petroleum markets and methods to reduce US petroleum consumption.
Managed field organizers in six states (California, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Montana) for nationally coordinated media campaigns related to global warming control and ocean, clean air and forest protection. Coordinated national field effort related to ocean and forest protection campaigns.

Sierra Club, San Diego & Imperial County Chapter

Conservation Coordinator, 1998 – 1999, San Diego, CA.
Coordinated volunteer conservation efforts. Negotiated and drafted two 5,000 acre development agreements that preserved 40% natural open-space, provided approximately \$1.5 million in trust funds, and imposed requirements for runoff, habitat protection, urban design, and construction monitoring. Organized neighborhood-based urban canyon campaign to protect canyon recreation, habitat and watershed values.

Metallic Power, Inc.

Director of Government & Public Relations/Office Manager, 1996 – 1997, Chula Vista, CA.
Set-up office and laboratory facilities, established administrative and financial systems, and managed office for startup fuel cell R&D company. Wrote and administered grants valued in excess of \$500,000. Directed government and public relations efforts. Assisted in fuel cell prototype design, fabrication, and testing.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Contract Attorney, 1996, Washington, DC.
Managed document review team in field location for coal power plant emission control system construction defect litigation involving claims in excess of \$30 million.

Van Ness, Feldman & Curtis, P.C.

Associate, 1989 to 1993, Washington, DC.

Litigation: Assisted in appellate, trial, and administrative litigation related to Native American taxation issues, offshore oil development, business fraud, and white-collar crime. Managed and performed government contract litigation from complaint through settlement for Native American-owned construction businesses.

Environmental Regulation: Performed regulatory work related to the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, and other federal pollution control and resource management statutes as they related to a variety of energy projects and facilities.

Energy Law: Drafted administrative and federal court litigation pleadings on a variety of energy law matters. Assisted in negotiation of contracts to finance and construct a fluidized bed “clean coal” plant. This project required the negotiation of a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy for \$80 million, and negotiation of two construction contracts each valued in excess of \$200 million, as well as coordination with environmental permitting and lobbying related to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Assisted in regulatory reviews of hydroelectric projects, solar power facilities, and natural gas pipelines.

Construction Contracting: Provided contract negotiation and compliance services for road, housing, and hospital construction projects and architectural and oil spill response services. Reviewed business agreements for compliance with federal procurement requirements.

Management/Administration: Assembled and managed six to twelve person teams of lawyers, paralegals, and support staff. Managed summer associates, including assigning work, monitoring workload, resolving assignment conflicts, and evaluating participants. Participated in summer associate hiring committees. Managed billing for services in excess of \$1 million per year, including monitoring workflow and budgeting.

Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C.

Contract Attorney, 1989, Washington, DC.

Assisted in preparation for and participated as second chair in all aspects of a two-week government contract litigation hearing related to MASH tent fabrication.

William L. Want, Esq.

Contract Attorney, 1988 to 1989, Washington, DC.

Wrote and co-authored section of wetlands treatise summarizing all state wetland and coastal zone management statutes. Provided research, editing and review of portions of federal law section of the same treatise. Researched litigation related to beach protection laws in all states.

National Wildlife Federation, Fish and Wildlife Division

Contract Attorney, August to December 1988, Washington, DC.

Drafted pleadings and memoranda related to federal wetlands and soil conservation programs.

Education:

Boston College Law School

Newton Centre, MA, J.D., 1988.

Employment:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I

Boston, MA. Law Clerk, 1987 – 1988.

Drafted memoranda of Clean Water Act issues. Analyzed hazardous waste disposal regulations.

Middlesex County District Attorney, Environmental Crimes Unit

Cambridge, MA. Law Clerk, 1988.

Compiled and summarized all federal, Massachusetts, and local hazardous material transportation laws.

U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Crimes Section

Washington, DC. Summer Associate, 1987.

Assisted in trial preparation related to prosecution under the Clean Water Act. Researched and wrote memoranda and pleadings related to various environmental criminal law issues.

Weston, Patrick, Willard & Redding, P.A.

Boston, MA. Law Clerk, 1986 – 1987.

Drafted memo on negligent water table reduction. Researched issues in billboard regulation, Equal Access to Justice Act, and federal government construction contracts.

Macalester College

Saint Paul, MN, B.A., Biology, 1983.

Honors & Activities: Top Biology Department prize recipient; Defenders of Wildlife and Sierra Club Timber Wolf litigation intern at Faegre & Benson; Biology Department Teaching and Laboratory Assistant.

Legal and Professional Affiliations:

Member of the bar in the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Adjunct Professor, University of South Dakota School of Law; Environmental Law 2010.