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EMPLOYMENT

SENIOR DIRECTOR, ENERGY MARKETS AND UTILITY REGULATION OCTOBER 2014 – PRESENT

Environmental Defense Fund
Boston, Massachusetts

Direct and manage advocacy throughout the United States relating to wholesale and retail energy markets with focus on natural gas markets, gas/electric coordination issues, and state retail utility regulation. Oversee and participate in matters within electricity Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs/ISOs), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and numerous state public utility commissions.

VICE PRESIDENT MAY 2010 – SEPTEMBER 2014

Conservation Law Foundation
Boston, Massachusetts

Direct and manage twelve attorneys and support staff throughout New England in CLF Clean Energy and Climate Program. Responsible for program budget, strategic planning, staffing and all outcomes achieved through advocacy and litigation on environmental and energy regulatory matters. Oversee and participate in litigation before various state public utility commissions and federal courts including D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. District Courts in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

ATTORNEY, Partner SEPTEMBER 2009 – MAY 2010

Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC
Lebanon, New Hampshire

Member of Environmental practice group. Practice entailed environmental regulatory law and policy including compliance counseling and litigation before the courts, environmental and energy regulatory agencies. Clients included owners of existing and proposed electricity infrastructure and industrial facilities.

ATTORNEY, Senior Associate MAY 2006 – SEPTEMBER 2009

Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP
Albany, New York

Member of Climate Change and Environmental Litigation practice groups. Responsibilities included leading attorneys and paralegals in preparing briefs and legal memoranda on behalf of electric generators in administrative proceedings and judicial appeals under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, environmental due diligence and advising energy producers and investment banks regarding environmental regulatory issues.

ATTORNEY, Of Counsel OCTOBER 2003 – MAY 2006

McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton, PA
Concord and Manchester, New Hampshire

Practice of law representing large energy and industrial facilities. Clients included power plants, incinerators, paper and pulp mills.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES JUNE 2001 – MARCH 2003

NRG Energy, Inc., Eastern Region
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Responsible for outcomes on all environmental issues affecting twenty coal, gas and oil-fired electric generating facilities throughout Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States. Supervised department of corporate environmental managers and activities of plant environmental coordinators. Responsibilities included budgeting, development and implementation of compliance strategies, managing relationships with regulators, devising and advocating company positions in state and federal rulemaking initiatives, obtaining environmental permits for new and modified facilities and assisting with market-oriented advocacy before utility regulators and market participants. Regularly negotiated with state environmental commissioners, utility regulators, state AG's, market participants and stakeholders.

- Developed litigation strategy for and oversaw as client various regulatory and federal judicial proceedings affecting operation of electric generating facilities including *New York v. Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.*, 263 F. Supp. 2d 650 (W.D.N.Y., 2003), *NYPIRG v. Johnson*, 472 F. 3d 172 (2nd Cir., 2005).

ATTORNEY, Chairperson of Air Quality Practice
Devorsetz, Stinziano, Gilberti, Heintz & Smith
 Syracuse and Albany, New York

SEPTEMBER 1999 – JUNE 2001

Environmental practice with focus on Clean Air Act matters at twenty four attorney law firm. Clients included numerous industrial and energy facilities and entailed all major environmental statutes including CERCLA, Clean Water Act, RCRA and state land use laws.

ATTORNEY, Associate General Counsel
State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
 Waterbury, Vermont

MAY 1994 – AUGUST 1999

Director of Administrative Litigation

Lead counsel for all environmental permit appeals and administrative litigation. Represented ANR in proceedings before the Public Service Commission (PSC), Environmental Board and Water Resources Board. Caseload included Act 250 (state land-use law), Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, site remediation, PSC rate cases and numerous state environmental permitting programs.

EDUCATION

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
 Brooklyn, New York

JURIS DOCTOR – JANUARY 1992

C.W. POST COLLEGE, LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
 Greenvale, New York

B.S., MANAGEMENT – MAY 1984
 NCAA Basketball Player

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Admitted to practice - New York, New Hampshire, U.S. District Courts of Vermont and New Hampshire

Board of Directors and Executive Committee, North American Energy Standards Board 2014 – present
 Chair of American Bar Association Air Quality Committee 2010 - 2012