

Patrick B. Sigl

Work Experience

Salt River Project, Tempe, AZ

9/2008 to present

Director Water and Natural Resources Law, Legal Services

- Direct the water and natural resources law section and provide legal advice in areas including, among others, water law, water resources management, the Arizona general stream adjudications, Indian law, Indian water rights settlements, reclamation law, Colorado River law, federal lands, and forest restoration, endangered species, and federal land law.
- Manage water rights related litigation including the defense and prosecution of SRP water claims in the Arizona General Stream Adjudications and assist in the negotiation of federal reserved water rights claims asserted by Native American Tribes.

Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, AZ

5/2006 to 9/2008

Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Section

- Lead attorney providing legal advice to Arizona state agencies, primarily the Arizona State Land Department, on water rights matters.
- Represent Arizona state agencies as water users in the Gila River and Little Colorado River General Stream Adjudications.
- Provide legal advice to Arizona State Land Department on large scale development projects including water supply, 404 permitting, and drainage issues.
- Accomplishments: Top performance ratings during tenure.

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Washington, DC

11/2001 to 5/2006

Attorney/Policy Analyst, Natural Resources and Environment Team

- Provided legal advice and policy analysis to the Natural Resources and Environment Team on federal land management issues such as forest management, oil and gas development, mining, water resource management, Indian law and policy, cultural resources and endangered species management.
- Presented oral briefings, testimonies and written reports to U.S. Congress (primarily Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Resources) on public land management issues.
- Accomplishments: Top 10% performance rating category; received Managing Director's Award in 2 of 4 years with the agency.
- Published Reports and testimonies can be accessed at www.gao.gov. (Search: Patrick Sigl)

Herzog and O'Connor, P.C., Scottsdale, AZ

1/2000 to 7/2001

Attorney

- Managed large civil litigation caseload in trial practice firm.
- Conducted pre-trial discovery including depositions of expert and lay witnesses.
- Prepared and argued pre and post trial motions in both state and federal courts.
- Represented clients at both compulsory and voluntary mediations and arbitrations.
- Conducted civil trials in both state and federal courts.

Beale & Micheaels, P.C., Phoenix, AZ

5/1999 to 1/2000

Attorney

- Researched and drafted pre- and post-trial motions for civil litigation practice.
- Provided trial support to lead attorney by preparing evidentiary motions and jury instructions.
- Deposed both expert and lay witnesses.

Downey & O'Connor, P.C., Phoenix, AZ

1/1998 to 5/1999

Attorney

- Completed all aspects of case preparation including initial investigation, legal research, opinion letters, depositions of expert and lay witnesses, oral arguments, pre and post trial motions and pleadings for civil litigation practice.
- Second chaired five jury trials in state court including two six-week trials that resulted in favorable verdicts for clients.
- Drafted appellate brief to Arizona Court of Appeals in successful appeal.

Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, P.C., Phoenix, AZ

10/1996 to 12/1997

Attorney

- Completed legal research, document review, and motion preparation for civil litigation practice.
- Researched and drafted legal memorandums.

Civil litigation practice areas: Municipal liability, products liability, construction defects, engineering malpractice, employment law, contract litigation, premises liability, insurance law, bad faith litigation, commercial litigation, medical malpractice, contract litigation, insurance law, complex class action litigation.

Banner Associates, Inc, Brookings, SD.

Design Engineer

5/1992 to 8/1994

- Provided engineering and construction advice on various civil and environmental projects including wastewater and water treatment plants, highway bridges, canals, culverts, dams, spillways and primary and secondary buildings.

Education

Juris Doctor, University of South Dakota School of Law, Vermillion, SD, May 1996.

- Moot Court Board, University of South Dakota
- Best Brief and Top 10 Oralist, Regional NY Bar Moot Court Competition, Fall 1995
- Alan Bogue Moot Court Award, Spring 1996

Bachelor of Science, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Minor in Mathematics, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, May 1992.

- Chi Epsilon Engineering Honor Society
- Teaching Assistantship, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, 1992-1993
- Graduate course work, Master of Science, Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1992-1993

Relevant Coursework: Water Law, Natural Resources Law, Environmental Law, Indian Law, International Environmental Law, Water Supply Engineering, Pollution Control, Wastewater Engineering, Hydrology, Fluid Mechanics, Engineering Geology, Soils Engineering, Engineering Surveys.

Professional Certifications

- State Bar of Arizona, October 1996
- Federal District Court, District of Arizona, October 1996
- United States Supreme Court, December 2006
- Engineer in Training (EIT), Spring 1992

Professional Service

- Chair of Litigation Review Committee, National Water Resources Association
- Chair of Legal Committee, Western Urban Water Coalition
- Board of Directors, Agribusiness and Water Council

Board of Directions, Audubon Southwest