

Mason Baker
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Professional Experience

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS)

Chief Executive Officer & General Manger (January 2023-Present)

- Developing & Implementing Strategic Plan
- Investigating All-Requirements Project for UAMPS Members
- Launching Transmission Strategic Initiative
- Building a new management team as CEO
- Initiating Two New Natural Gas Projects for UAMPS

Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel (May 2011 – December 2022)

- Manage all legal functions associated with UAMPS, overseeing outside attorneys
- Oversight of government affairs and policies affecting UAMPS
- Manage UAMPS compliance department
- Oversees the commercial development of new resources, including day-to-day management with development teams
- Assist and oversee permitting new UAMPS resources and compliance with permits and laws for existing resources
- Assist in operational aspects related to UAMPS' involvement in existing coal assets
- Involvement in annual UAMPS budgetary process
- Oversight of UAMPS IT department and Human Resources functions

Bainbridge, Mims, Rogers & Smith, LLP

Summer Clerk (July 2010 – August 2010)

- Researched and wrote memorandum on various complex civil litigation and trust and estate work

Western Resource Advocates

Law Clerk (June 2010 – March 2011)

- Determined best strategic approach for implementing regulatory oversight for oil shale and tar sands at both the state and federal level
- Wrote comments on draft permit for a wastewater treatment facility
- Attended meetings with various agency officials and clients

Key Achievements:

- Developing & Implementing Strategic Plan upon becoming UAMPS CEO
- Lead the negotiation and secured DOE Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$1.355 Billion (currently managing this Agreement on behalf of UAMPS)
- Lead the negotiation and secured Bald & Golden Eagle take permit for Horse Butte Wind Farm (2nd permit issued in U.S.)
- Key role in restructuring the ownership and closure for San Juan Coal Plant
- Key team member in bringing Horse Butte Wind commercial, including securing an \$11 Million insurance claim
- Key team member for Veyo Waste Heat development, construction, and financing

Access Fund

Pro Bono Policy Associate (December 2008-May 2010)

- Worked on emerging threats to access to rock climbing areas across the United States
- Lobbied for environmental and recreational use liability legislation

Department of Interior

Clinical Intern (June-July 2009)

- Researched and drafted legal memorandum for BLM, BOR, and BIA attorneys
- Participated in EIS scoping meetings amongst agencies and reviewed records to support decisions

Castle Inspection Service

High Value Specialist (October 2005-October 2007)

- Prepared on-site replacement cost appraisals for high-end residential homes (up to \$5.5 million) and bed and breakfasts in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, and West Virginia
- Assessed potential/existing underwriting exposures (fire mitigation, inadequate coverage) and necessary recommendations to mitigate potential losses

Publications

- Article, “Acephale: A Poor Man’s Cause,” ROCK & ICE, Issue 173. November 2008
- Feature Article, “Vintage Vantage,” ROCK & ICE, Issue 187. July 2010
- “What Does it Mean to Comply with NEPA?” J. LAND, RES. & ENVTL. LAW (Spring 2011)
- “Cost-Effective Avian Protection Plans Using Mobile Data Collection” in 2016 IEEE RURAL ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE (REPC), Harness, R; Eccleston, D; Baker, M., 2016.

Community, Interests and Skills

- Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, Past Board Member, Chair of the Board of Directors (2014-2019)