

RYAN C. FLYNN

WORK EXPERIENCE

NEW MEXICO OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION, Santa Fe, NM

Executive Director, September 2016 – present

- Direct 90-year old trade association representing over 1,000 member companies that account for 95% of the oil and natural gas produced in New Mexico
- Manage 5 employees and a \$2.2 million operating budget
- Work with federal, state and local governmental officials to develop regulations for all aspects of energy exploration, production and transmission, including the development of new state rules for horizontal wells, spill remediation and financial assurance
- Represent trade association in legal matters, including lawsuits in federal and state courts, and administrative proceedings

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, Santa Fe, NM

Cabinet Secretary & Natural Resource Trustee, March 2013 – August 2016

- Served as Governor Susana Martinez's senior policy advisor on energy and environmental issues
- Managed New Mexico's environmental protection agency, which employed 650 people in 22 locations and had a \$120 million operating budget
- Directed agency responsible for implementing and enforcing federal and state environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Created a new regulatory approach for hazardous waste disposal at Los Alamos National Laboratory, which now serves as a model used by the Department of Energy for environmental remediation projects around the United States
- Designated by Governor Martinez to lead emergency response efforts for critical public health emergencies, including the Gold King Mine Spill, the radiological release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, and a jet fuel spill at Kirtland Air Force Base
- Directed a multi-agency operation to successfully transport an unsecured container of Americium from Santa Fe to Los Alamos National Lab, which entailed leading a team comprised of employees of the National Nuclear Security Agency, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and the New Mexico National Guard
- Negotiated agreements with federal and state agencies, foreign governments, and Native American tribes, including a \$73 million settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for violations of hazardous waste facility permits at Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Developed statewide water infrastructure initiative, which resulted in \$90 million of strategic investments by Governor Martinez and the New Mexico State Legislature in public water and wastewater systems
- Testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress and the New Mexico State Legislature

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, Santa Fe, NM
General Counsel and Legislative Coordinator, January 2011 – March 2013

- Supervised 16 attorneys, 4 paralegals and 2 policy analysts
- Negotiated a landmark settlement agreement between the Navajo Nation, EPA and Public Service Co. of New Mexico, which resulted in the largest reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the history of New Mexico and was called the “greatest environmental achievement in the history of New Mexico”
- Created a new regulatory initiative with the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, which accelerated the removal of 3,706 cubic meters of combustible transuranic waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Established water quality standards for approximately sixty-six lakes in the Rio Grande, Pecos, Canadian, Gila, San Juan, and Little Colorado basins

MODRALL, SPERLING, ROEHL, HARRIS & SISK P.A., Santa Fe, NM
Associate Attorney, August 2007 - January 2011

- Worked in the firm's Natural Resource and Renewable Energy practice groups
- Litigated commercial and natural resource disputes, including a lawsuit for unfair trade practices that resulted in a \$54 million jury verdict in favor of our client, a small dental equipment manufacturer

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Phoenix, AZ
Law Clerk for the Honorable Stephen M. McNamee, July 2006 - October 2007

- Drafted orders, correspondence, and bench memoranda
- Managed district judge’s civil docket

MILITARY SERVICE

New Mexico Air National Guard, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Assistant Judge Advocate General, April 2010 - present

- Serve as area defense counsel in court martial cases

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF LAW, Tucson, AZ

- Juris Doctor, 2006
- John G. Hawkins Professionalism Award, 2006
- Charles E. Ares Fellowship, 2004-2005
- Dean's Achievement Scholarship, 2003-2006

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA

- Bachelor of Arts in English & American Literature, 2001
- Research Assistant for Professor Gary King, The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 1998-2001