

Laura A. Schroeder

Since 1991, Laura A. Schroeder has focused her water law practice on matters of governance, transactional, administrative and trial practice in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Washington. Her representation of natural resource dependent rural and urban businesses and governments is comprised of individuals, families, associations, municipalities, quasi-municipals, and utilities purveying domestic and agricultural water across this wide geographic area.

Born and raised in Vale, a small eastern Oregon town whose rural population relies on farming and ranching, Laura learned early the challenges faced by natural resource dependent business. Laura's father, William F. Schroeder, began his own natural resource practice in Vale encompassing mining, public lands, and water in 1950.

Practicing from his office in Boise, Idaho, Laura's brother, Wm. Alan Schroeder, limits his practice to public lands. Laura, "Bill", and "Alan" are known to collaborate on a variety of resource matters. Further influencing Laura's interest in natural resources was her partnership in an irrigated row crop farm (onions, potatoes, and small vegetable and alfalfa seeds) near Nyssa, Oregon between 1972 and 1987.

With this broad background, Laura moved to Portland from eastern Oregon in 1988 and limited her environmental and natural resource practice to water issues when she started her own firm in 1991.

Her oldest son, Ira "Rob" Ure III, still lives in Eastern Oregon and supports his family, including Laura's three grandchildren, by custom hay farming and trucking. Laura's daughter, Therese Ure, a practicing attorney with Laura since 2006 also focuses her practice on natural resources with an emphasis on water, land use, and public lands.

Meanwhile, Daughter Sonja Ure is working as a nurse practitioner in a family practice clinic in San Antonio. Laura's two step children, Tracy Rodgers and Randy Borison, live and contribute to the well being of their families and communities near San Diego, California. Tracy's children, Caitlin and Kamryn, enjoy Laura's attention when she travels south to such events as the annual ABA Water Law Conference.

Laura graduated from the University of Oregon in 1972 with a secondary teaching certificate in Speech and Theatre. Laura taught evening classes in Adult Basic Education, GED, and immigration at Treasure Valley Community College. She also founded and directed a private Lutheran preschool and kindergarten in Nyssa, Oregon from 1978 through 1985. Rounding out her early job experiences, Laura provided social services part time to the local Senior Center as Information and Referral Director and Director of Housekeeping Services and was promoted in three years from line worker to Quality Control Supervisor working graveyard at Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., before attending law school.



Laura continues to teach in an advocacy setting and through her speaking engagements at various conferences, conventions, seminars and continuing education classes on water resource and related topics. Mentoring law clerks and new attorneys in the environment of Schroeder Law Offices, PC, remains a goal of Laura's firm, currently comprised of four attorneys, three paralegals, a legal secretary, various summer law clerks, and often college and high school interns.

At the Reno office one office manager handles day-to-day business and paralegal matters while Laura, Therese and other attorneys from Portland rotate in to staff the Reno office on a monthly basis. Laura's husband, V. Scott Borison, a certified legal manager, brings his business, management, computer technology and electrical engineering experience to successfully manage Schroeder Law Offices, PC into its expanding geographic and client base.

Laura also provides international advice concerning water law and regulation, development of surface and groundwater use, international allocation of water by treaty through contract to such agencies as the US State Department through USAID.

Laura and Schroeder Law Offices, PC are guided by the principle that the wise use of water resources is basic for the continued survival of every culture, the necessary ingredient to feed a growing population, and important for a healthy environment with the goal that individuals can thrive and make a difference in the lives of themselves, their families and others.

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