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## Education

- B.S., Eastern Oregon University, 1999
- J.D., Valparaiso University, School of Law, 2006

### **Admission to Court**

- Nevada State Bar 2006
- Oregon State Bar 2008
- United States District Court for Nevada 2006
- United States District Court for Oregon 2008
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 2007

### **Legal Experience**

2009 to Present: Shareholder, Managing Attorney Schroeder Law Offices, P.C., Reno Nevada

Areas of Practice include: water use permitting, mitigation, extensions, transfers and changes, certificates, compliance, protest defense and challenge; ground water interference and connection, critical, designated and limited areas; due diligence reviews; cancellation; water right title and recording; special patron rights and responsibilities; public lands (easements and permitting), private easements; administrative appeals; civil litigation.

#### Human Relations & Office Management

• Manage office, staff & personnel, and facility issues;

### Litigation

- Federal litigation at initiation, discovery, motion, trial and appeals phases in Nevada and Oregon Federal Courts;
- Support Idaho attorney in briefing Federal Grazing and Administrative Procedure Act issues;
- Brief and participate in argument in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals;
- Settle litigation via stipulation in federal and state multi-party water and right-of-way litigations;



- Obtain settlement from the State of Nevada on takings issue;
- Assist clients in water adjudication before the state court and administrative processes;
- Argue cases before Nevada Division of Water Resources on water use issues from both applicant and protestant perspectives;
- File, brief, and argue on judicial review of State Engineer decisions;
- Draft FOIA and public records request both during our outside of litigated matters;

#### Client Operations & Contracts

- Complete client visits in rural Nevada and Oregon touring municipal systems, farms, agricultural lands and grazing lands to assist in representation concerning public land, real property and water issues;
- Complete water rights assessments for efficiency, transfer, storage, use and compliance;
- Negotiate water and land purchase agreements;
- Draft proposals for new water rotation, storage and use projects;
- Draft easement and shared well agreements;
- Research and provide advice concerning impacts of Forest Reserves;
- Complete historical water research through state records, county recorders, National Archives and others;
- Develop water use compliance and reporting plans;
- Prepare and/or work with consultants in preparing water use documents for Nevada Division of Water Resources including applications, change applications, proofs, extensions;
- Draft and negotiate MOA and MOU contracts with federal, state, and irrigation district on parks, recreation, and cultural resource activities;

#### Title Work

- Complete extensive title work from homestead patent to present;
- Complete Quiet Title action to clear up water ownership when discrepancies exist;
- Draft deeds for water and property transactions and complete recording;
- Research and prepare reports of conveyance and abstracts of title with NDWR;

#### Legislation

- Draft and edit proposed legislation relating to water law and cutting edge water use projects;
- Prepare draft legislation and work with legislative counsel bureau on edits to same;
- Testify before senate natural resource committee and various other committees on water issues affecting client interests;
- Work with lobbyists and public interest groups similarly situated to client interests;
- Support working with lobbyist and consultants on federal legislation through title transfer activities with the BOR;

#### Governmental Agencies

- Provide general counsel guidance to quasi-governmental clients including open meeting and public records requirements, advising on exemptions;
- Draft formalities including bylaws, rules and regulations for water distribution,
- Advise on formalities for bidding and purchasing requirements;
- Work with bonding counsel and dealing with project funding and financing issues;

• Assist entities in responding to public records requests;

## Corporations

- Incorporate small businesses and assist with annual reporting and formalities;
- Draft corporate documents including bylaws, operating agreements, agendas, minutes;
- Provide Registered Agent Services;

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