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**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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**Environmental Defense Center, Santa Barbara, CA**

*Chief Counsel, January 2004 – present*

*Executive Director/Chief Counsel, May 2002 – December 2003*

*Chief Counsel, January 1999 – April 2002*

*Senior Staff Attorney, October 1994 – December 1999*

*Staff Attorney, September 1989 – September 1994*

*Law Clerk, September 1982 – December 1984*

- Lead Environmental Defense Center's law and advocacy programs; represent environmental public interest clients in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties in cases protecting coast and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health; develop, initiate, and conduct administrative advocacy and federal and state litigation under a variety of environmental protection laws; promote education regarding environmental policy, regulations, and laws.

**Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, CA**

*Staff Attorney, October 1985 - September 1989*

- Represent low-income clients in Family law, Housing Law, Public Benefits, Employment Law, Poverty Law.

**EDUCATION**

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**Santa Barbara College of Law**

- Juris Doctorate, 1984

**University of California, Santa Barbara**

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Coaching, 1979

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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**California State Bar:** May 1985. Member, Environmental Law Section.

**Supreme Court of the United States:** August 2018.

**Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeal:** July 2001.

**U.S. District Court:** Central District, August 1991; Northern District, March 2000.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of California, Santa Barbara (including the Bren Graduate School of Environmental Science and Management)**

*Lecturer, Environmental Studies Program, September 2006 - present*

- Develop and teach classes in Principles of Environmental Law, California Land Use and Planning Law.

*Lecturer, Bren School, 2019-present*

- Develop and co-teach seminar regarding National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act

*Guest Lecturer, Bren Graduate School of Environmental Science and Management, Environmental Studies Program, 1989 – present*

- Present lectures in various undergraduate and graduate environmental studies classes, including Land Use Planning Law, Environmental Dispute Resolution, Advanced Environmental Law, Coast and Ocean Law, National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Ethics.
- Co-taught “Simcoast” course, Winter 1992, in which students participated in simulated exercise involving land use planning and environmental review.

### **Santa Barbara College of Law**

*Lecturer in Environmental Law, Summer 1992, 2003, 2006*

- Teach summer elective courses in Federal and California environmental laws.

*Co-Director, Family Law Clinic, Spring 1988 – Summer 1989*

- Co-founded and taught clinic in family law; supervised students as they counseled clients regarding a variety of family law issues, including dissolution of marriage, marital separation, child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, property division, adoption, and emancipation.

### **University of California, Santa Barbara Extension**

*Instructor, Spring 1994, Winter 1996*

- Taught classes in Planning Law, Permitting, and Legal Processes.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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### **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

*Conservation Representative, 1998 - 2012; Secretary, 2004; Vice Chair January 2005 – July 2008*

- Represented the conservation community on the Sanctuary Advisory Council; chair the Council’s Conservation Working Group. Provide advice regarding Sanctuary education, research and monitoring, and resource protection programs; identify emerging issues and provide technical information and recommendations to Sanctuary management.

### **California Offshore Oil and Gas Energy Resources (COOGER)**

*Member, Steering Committee, 1996 - 1999*

- Appointed by U.S. Minerals Management Service to represent the public on Steering Committee that developed report on local and regional effects of proposed additional offshore oil development.

### **High Energy Seismic Survey (HESS) Team**

*Member, 1996 - 1999*

- Appointed by U.S. Minerals Management Service to represent environmental community on stakeholder group that developed recommendations regarding proposed offshore seismic surveys.

### **Platform Decommissioning Workshop Steering Committee**

*Member, 1997*

- Appointed by U.S. Minerals Management Service to represent environmental community in planning public workshop regarding decommissioning options for offshore platforms

### **Gaviota Coast Conservancy**

*Co-founder and Member, Board of Directors, 1994 - 1999*

*Member, Honorary Board, 2000 - present*

### **Carpinteria Valley Association**

*Member, Advisory Board, 2004 - present*

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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- **ExxonMobil Oil Trucking (*ExxonMobil v. County of Santa Barbara*)**  
Defeated application to restart offshore platforms and truck oil to refineries. (2023)
- **Rancho La Laguna (*Rancho La Laguna v. County of Santa Barbara*)**  
Defeated proposal to subdivide ranch for residential mansion development (2023)
- **Offshore Fracking (*EDC v. BOEM*)**  
Secured injunction halting issuance of permits for fracking and acidizing from platforms offshore California. (2022)
- **Carone Oil and Gas Leases**  
Achieved termination of last oil and gas leases in State waters offshore Santa Barbara County; prevented slant drilling project proposed by Carone from a federal platform into State waters (2019)
- **Gaviota Coast Plan**  
Successfully advocated for plan that will protect the natural, agricultural, cultural, and scenic resources of the Gaviota Coast, and will provide public beach and coastal access. (2018)
- **Sea Otter Recovery (*CSUC v. Bean*)**  
Prevailed in litigation ending the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s “no otter zone.” (2018)
- **Paredon Oil and Gas Development Project**  
Blocked oil development proposal and applicant-sponsored initiative; leases quitclaimed to State and area included in California Coastal Sanctuary (2018)

- **Phillips Oil Trains (*Phillips v. County of San Luis Obispo*)**  
Defeated proposal to transport crude oil by rail to the Phillips refinery in Nipomo. (2017)
- **Refugio Oil Spill**  
Reinstated protections of the California Coastal Act; defeated application by ExxonMobil to truck oil while pipeline was shut down; achieved stricter state laws to help prevent oil pipeline spills and provide more immediate and effective response. (2015-2016)
- **Agricultural Land**  
Successfully fought conversion of important farmland to recreational development (Mosby). (2014)
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigation**  
Secured precedent-setting requirement for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from onshore oil production project in Santa Barbara County. (2013)
- **Oil Barging**  
Secured an end to barging of oil produced offshore California. (2011)
- **Venoco Ellwood Full Field Development Project**  
Blocked proposal to expand state oil lease and slant drill offshore UCSB. (2010)
- **Clearwater Port Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project**  
Defeated proposal to construct LNG project offshore Carpinteria and Oxnard. (2010)
- **Cabrillo Port Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project**  
Defeated proposal to construct LNG terminal offshore Oxnard and Malibu. (2007)
- **Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leases (*League for Coastal Protection v. Kempthorne*)**  
Case No. C 05-0991 (N.D.Cal.2005)  
Won decision invalidating oil lease extensions for failing to conduct adequate environmental review; led to termination of 40 offshore federal oil and gas leases.
- **Ellwood Mesa (*Save Ellwood Shores v. County of Santa Barbara*)**  
Through litigation and other advocacy, blocked proposal to construct residential development and preserved Ellwood Mesa for resource protection and public access. (2005)
- **Oil Platform Discharges (*Our Children's Earth Foundation v. US EPA*)**  
Negotiated settlement that resulted in strict water quality standards for oil platform discharges. (2004)
- **Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leases (*State of California v. Norton*)**  
311 F.3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2002)  
Won case overturning federal approval of oil lease extensions for failure to conduct environmental review or state coastal consistency review.
- **Tranquillon Ridge Oil Project**  
Defeated proposal to slant drill offshore Vandenberg AFB. (2002)
- **Waterfront development (*Citizens Planning Association and League of Women Voters v. City of Santa Barbara*)**

Santa Barbara County Superior Court (2002)  
Forced City of Santa Barbara to prepare Environmental Impact Report for waterfront development project.

- **Channel Islands Marine Reserves**  
Successfully advocated for establishment of protected marine protected areas at Channel Islands. (2002)
- **Mission Creek (*Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council v. City of Santa Barbara*)**  
Santa Barbara County Superior Court (2000)  
Won litigation requiring additional environmental review of a rock retaining wall along historic Mission Creek.
- **Del Playa Seawall**  
Defeated proposal to construct seawall along Isla Vista bluffs. (1999)
- **Carpinteria Bluffs**  
Successful efforts to defeat proposal for residential development resulted in public acquisition and permanent preservation. (1998)
- **Hearst Ranch**  
Secured Coastal Commission denial of massive proposal to develop four new resorts, which led to eventual conservation easement over most of the Ranch. (1998)
- **East West Ranch**  
Defeated development proposal, which led to public acquisition of Ranch. (1998)
- **Sedgwick Reserve**  
Defeated proposed subdivision of 6,000 acre ranch and ensured permanent protection as part of the University of California's Natural Reserve System. (1997)
- **Measure A96 (Initiative re Oil Development)**  
Drafted successful ballot measure requiring voter approval of new oil and gas development projects outside of established consolidated industrial sites in Santa Barbara County. (1996)
- **Mobil Clearview**  
Blocked proposal to develop slant drilling project next to UCSB. (1996)
- **Seismic Surveys**  
Reached settlement with Exxon and Minerals Management Service that resulted in new standards for high energy seismic surveys. (1995, 1999)
- **California Coastal Sanctuary Act**  
Helped draft law banning any new oil and gas leasing in State waters. (1994)
- **Oil Tankering**  
Forced Chevron to stop tankering oil from Santa Barbara County. (1994)
- **Casmalia Resources**  
Defeated expansion and secured closure of Class I hazardous waste facility. (1992)

- **State Water Project**  
Drafted ballot measures for communities in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties opposed to the importation of State Water. (1991-92)

## AWARDS

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- **National Association of Women Business Owners**, Public Policy Leader of the Year, 2024
- **Coalition for Clean Air** *Unsung Hero*, 2021
- **California State Assemblymember Das Williams 37th District** “*Woman of the Year 2016*” Award, 2016
- **State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson 19th District** “*2016 Santa Barbara County Woman of the Year*” Award, 2016
- **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary** *Sanctuary Advisory Council Leadership Award*, 2012
- **Pacific Coast Business Times** *Who’s Who in Clean Tech and Sustainability*, 2011
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** *National Marine Sanctuary Partner of the Year Award*, 2009 [Chair, Conservation Working Group]
- **Get Oil Out!** *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award*, 2009
- **Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County** *Hero for Justice Award*, 2008
- **Pacific Coast Business Times** *The Green Scene: 10 People at the Leading Edge*, 2008
- **UCSB Environmental Studies Program** *Community Services Award*, 2007
- **Ryerson Environmental Fund** *Jim Ryerson Environmental Award*, 2007
- **League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara** *Achievement Award*, 2006
- **U.S. Senator Boxer** *Conservation Champion Award*, 2005
- **Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County** *Environmental Leadership Award*, 2005
- *35th Oil Spill Anniversary Award*, 2004
- *Coastal Protection Award*, 2001-2002
- **Environment Now** *Wells Family Award*, 2000
- **Santa Barbara Independent** *Local Hero*, 1993

- **Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County** *Community Services Award*, 1993
- **Sierra Club** *Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Achievement*, 1992

## **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- *Sea Otters Welcomed Home*, Santa Barbara Lawyer (May 2018)
- *Oil Spills and Santa Barbara – Then and Now*, Santa Barbara Lawyer (May 2016)
- *How States Can Affect Federal Deepwater Port LNG Licensing Decisions: A Case Study Involving the Deepwater Port Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act*, Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal, Symposium Edition, Vol. 5, Number 1 (Fall 2011)
- *Defending State's Rights Under the Coastal Zone Management Act*, Sustainable Development Law & Policy, American University Washington College of Law, Vol. VIII, Issue 1 (Fall 2007)

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- *Offshore Wind on East and West coasts: Comparing Strategies for Siting and Approval Under NEPA*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2023
- *Legal Opportunities and Obstacles for Oil Development in Santa Barbara County*, Santa Barbara County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, 2021
- *CEQA Update: A Perennial Favorite with a Twist*, Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, California Lawyers Association, 2019
- *President Trump's Kept Promise: Reversing Environmental Progress*, Santa Barbara/Ventura Colleges of Law, 2019
- *NEPA and CEQA: Overview and Current Issues*, Bren School, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019
- *NEPA and CEQA: Overview and Current Issues*, Bren School, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2018
- *America's Offshore Energy Future*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2018
- *Environmental Law Forum*, Santa Barbara County Bar Association, 2017
- *Don't Frack Our Oceans!* Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2014
- *California Environmental Quality Act Update*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2014
- *California Environmental Quality Act and Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2013

- *NEPA & Climate Change: What Does NEPA Require?* CLE NEPA Conference 2011
- *Climate Change Update: Thresholds of Significance*, CLE CEQA Conference 2010
- *Rigs-to-Reefs: Unanswered Questions About Environmental Impacts, Safety and Liability*, California and World Ocean Conference 2010
- *Going Green: Legal Opportunities and Strategies*, Southern California Association of Law Librarians, 2010
- *Oil, Water, and Activism: The Case of Santa Barbara*, University of California, Santa Barbara 2010
- *Energy, Desalination and the California Coast*, Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, State Bar Association, 2009
- *Deepwater Port Act: How to Stop an LNG Project*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2008
- *Using the Law to Oppose Liquefied Natural Gas Projects*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2007
- *Climate Change and NEPA: Cabrillo Port LNG Case Study*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2007
- *Rigs-to-Grief: Leaving Abandoned Offshore Oil Rigs in Place*, California and World Ocean Conference 2006
- *The Coastal Act at 30: A Look Back and Ahead*, Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, State Bar Association, 2006
- *Deepwater Port Act: Cabrillo Port Case Study*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2006
- *Deepwater Port Act*, UC Davis Environmental Law Society Symposium, 2006
- *Deepwater Port Act: Case Study, Cabrillo Port LNG Project*, Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, State Bar Association, 2005
- *LNG for California: Proposals, Threats, and Strategies*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, 2005