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Top Skills

Microsoft Excel
Administrative Law
Public Policy

Torend L. Collins

Senior Advisor for Infrastructure Strategy
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Professional with hands-on experience managing projects and developing strategies to streamline efforts, produce sound policies and build capacity. Detail-oriented and skilled at helping meet organizational and performance improvement initiatives. Effective communicator and collaborator with significant experience in the field of environmental law and policy, community engagement and development. Avid EV enthusiast and owner.

Experience

U.S. Department of the Interior

Senior Advisor

July 2023 - Present (2 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Regional Intergovernmental and External Affairs Specialist for
Appalachia

September 2021 - July 2023 (1 year 11 months)

Environmental Defense Fund

Program Coordinator

August 2020 - September 2021 (1 year 2 months)

Developed and executed campaigns to advance the priority goals of EDF's Florida strategy around renewable energy, electrification, coastal resilience and other initiatives addressing climate change.

Louisville Metro Government Air Pollution Control District

Environmental Coordinator

August 2017 - August 2020 (3 years 1 month)

Louisville, KY

Planned, organized and managed community engagement efforts. Developed programmatic materials/communications to share with the community, Metro counterparts, industry and other constituencies. Successfully launched and

managed APCD's workshop series. Lead Metro's Drive Clean Louisville team with developing and implementing measures to improve air quality in Louisville (e.g. expanding electric vehicle infrastructure in heavily impacted communities, researching investments in alternative fuels and vehicles, educating and partnering with community groups, businesses and leaders to promote EV adoption, etc.).

Grand Canyon University

Adjunct Professor

September 2015 - July 2016 (11 months)

Executed structured discussion forums, provided written assignments, and conducted virtual conferences for online Research Methods course. Helped graduate students develop a better understanding of how to apply research methods and techniques in the social sciences.

Black Student Fund

Development and Fundraising Consultant

August 2012 - July 2016 (4 years)

Washington, DC

Secured, nurtured, and engaged individual, corporate and institutional donors. Guided and managed the organization's transition from Raiser's Edge database to Salesforce for Nonprofits to improve record-keeping. Developed strategic plans to increase alumni participation, student involvement, and community engagement. Administered and executed fundraising campaigns to build capital for BSF programs. Worked closely with the Executive Director and Board of Trustees to execute programs to support Scholar development and success.

U.S. House of Representatives - Office of Representative Dan Kildee Congressional Intern

September 2014 - February 2015 (6 months)

Washington, D.C.

Employed legal training to examine and research specific regulatory policies. Provided memorandums and briefs on environmental issues of importance to constituents and stakeholders within the congressional district.

Sierra Club

Law Clerk

September 2009 - December 2009 (4 months)

San Francisco, CA

Conducted legal research using WestLaw and Lexis Nexis on matters involving environmental law and policy. Drafted memorandums and authored comments on specific regulations; created briefs to assist the legal team with the development of legal actions.

**Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection, Legal Division
Legal Extern**

September 2008 - December 2008 (4 months)

Frankfort, KY

Authored and presented opening statements during administrative hearings. Drafted memorandums used to assist attorneys with pending legal actions. Attended meetings and brainstorming sessions with team to strategize next steps for litigation. Provided research and assistance as needed to attorneys.

US EPA, Region 1

Summer Legal Intern

May 2008 - August 2008 (4 months)

Boston, MA

Provided legal analysis and research on litigation involving Superfund sites. Drafted briefs and memorandums used during the litigation process.

Education

Vermont Law School

M.E.L.P., Masters of Environmental Law and Policy · (2006 - 2010)

Environmental Leadership Program

National Fellow · (2019 - 2020)

Vermont Law School

J.D., Environmental Law · (2006 - 2009)

Spelman College

B.A., Political Science · (2002 - 2006)