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Top Skills

Legal Research
Environmental Law
Litigation

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention at US
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
New York, New York, United States

Summary

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention at US
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Experience

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention
October 2021 - Present (2 years 1 month)

In this role, Jennie oversees OCSPP's Pollution Prevention (P2) program, which includes the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Safer Choice programs, P2 Grants, and Green Chemistry awards. This includes leading OCSPP's implementation of over \$400 million in historic funding for P2 provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

The Surfrider Foundation
Legal Associate, Plastic Pollution Initiative
July 2019 - October 2021 (2 years 4 months)
New York, NY

Responsible for leading the Surfrider Foundation's policy efforts and litigation to reduce plastic pollution at local, state and national levels.

plasticbaglaws.org
Founder & Director
March 2010 - October 2021 (11 years 8 months)

Solely responsible for the creation and maintenance of a website designed to aid cities and states in adopting laws limiting the use of plastic bags. Resources include relevant legislation, litigation, and studies. Advocacy activities include speaking at public hearings, preparing comment letters, communicating with various municipalities to refine the scope of ordinances, and serving as a legal panelist at various conferences.

Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB)
Member

March 2013 - December 2019 (6 years 10 months)

New York, NY

A body jointly appointed by the Manhattan Borough President and NYC Councils that advises the Borough President and other City officials on recycling and solid waste management programs.

Milbank LLP

Staff Attorney

November 2016 - June 2019 (2 years 8 months)

Greater New York City Area

Responsible for document review and creation of privilege logs for a variety of high-profile matters.

Freelance

Sustainability Consultant

March 2013 - June 2019 (6 years 4 months)

New York, NY

Sustainability consultant with two distinct points of interest:

1) environmental policy consultant for government agencies and non-profits focusing on plastic bag and EPS (expanded polystyrene aka Styrofoam) ordinances, recycling and waste reduction policies; and

2) consultant for businesses focusing on development of sustainability policies including compliance with environmental regulations, product purchasing, waste reduction and disposal.

Jennie is also available to speak or give presentations on these topics. For more information visit: www.jennieromer.com.

Neighbors Allied for Good Growth

Environmental Community Organizer

June 2014 - October 2016 (2 years 5 months)

Brooklyn, NY

Responsible for implementing programming pursuant to an Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant that NAG was awarded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to study toxic contamination in the North Brooklyn neighborhoods of Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

Clean Seas Coalition

Atlantic Region Director

June 2012 - July 2016 (4 years 2 months)

New York, NY

The Clean Seas Coalition is a growing group of environmentalists, scientists, California lawmakers, students, and community leaders pushing California to strengthen laws reducing trash in California's seas and on beaches.

As the Atlantic Region Director of the CSC, I am forming a coalition of interested non-profit groups and individuals to share information and strategize on single-use plastic bag reduction - to continue the momentum building in California over to the East Coast.

Update Legal

Contract Attorney

September 2015 - April 2016 (8 months)

New York, New York

Working on-site as a contractor for a major law firm, responsible for document review and creation of privilege logs in large-scale financial investigation.

Lexington Law Group

Attorney

April 2011 - July 2015 (4 years 4 months)

San Francisco, CA

The Lexington Law Group is a public interest law firm specializing in consumer protection and environmental cases. We bring creativity and tenacity to plaintiff's public interest litigation in a manner that yields exceptional results for our clients and the general public. Our cases have resulted in the recovery of millions of dollars for the benefit of consumers and the removal of toxic chemicals from thousands of everyday products.

Responsible for preparation of notices of violation pursuant to Prop 65, case management, research into corporate structures and viability of potential defendants, case development, drafting motions and supporting documents, settlement compliance.

Providus

Contract Attorney

August 2012 - June 2014 (1 year 11 months)

New York, NY

Working as a contractor for a major law firm, responsible for document review and creation of privilege logs for a large securities litigation case.

Global Green USA

Program Associate at Global Green USA's Coalition for Resource Recovery

July 2013 - October 2013 (4 months)

New York, New York

Global Green USA's Coalition for Resource Recovery helps generate business value by transforming waste into assets. The Coalition identifies and promotes effective waste diversion technologies and programs through conducting pilots and related research.

Green Cities California

Environmental Policy Consultant

October 2011 - June 2012 (9 months)

Mill Valley, CA

Green Cities California is a coalition of twelve of California's largest and most environmentally progressive local governments. Our mission is to accelerate the implementation of sustainability policies and programs through collaborative action.

Responsible for tracking local plastic bag legislation in California, reviewing ordinance language, providing support to cities considering adopting ordinances, communicating with stakeholders, building strategic relationships, and updating GCC's model ordinance.

Hudson Legal

Contract Attorney

September 2010 - April 2011 (8 months)

Working as a contractor for a major law firm, responsible for initial review of documents and creation of a privilege log for a large technology company using Relativity software. Documents primarily relate to patents and licensing agreements.

Lexington Law Group

Senior Paralegal

2008 - August 2010 (2 years)

Day-to-day activities included preparing motions and supporting documents, communicating with courts, performing due diligence regarding corporate structure and viability of potential defendants, and preparing statutory notices. Supervised and trained junior paralegals and support staff.

California Anti-SLAPP Project
Legal Assistant & Office Manager
2006 - 2008 (2 years)

CASP is a small First Amendment law firm representing defendants in Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation.

Legal work included intake of potential clients, preparing motions and supporting documents, writing case summaries, researching local rules and case file organization. Office management duties included bookkeeping and preparing of extensive time and expense reports.

Rasputin Music
District Manager & Indie Rock Buyer
2001 - 2006 (5 years)

Oversaw hiring and training of employees at three locations and ordered product for the indie and punk rock sections at seven locations. Worked closely with the owner to develop policies and write employee handbooks.

Education

Golden Gate University, School of Law
JD, Law · (2005 - 2009)

UC Santa Barbara
B.S. & B.A., Environmental Studies, Zoology, Black Studies · (1996 - 2001)

University of the West Indies, Barbados