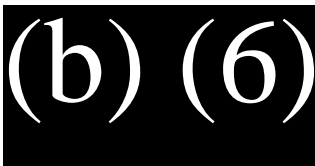


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EXPERIENCE

2011 to present

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT,  
*Director:* Lead Rhode Island's state agency responsible for implementing and enforcing environmental protection and natural resource management laws and for directing programs and managing lands, waters and facilities that support outdoor recreation, the state's major fishing ports, habitat conservation, state parks, beaches and campgrounds, agriculture, commercial fishing, and forestry. Manage 390 full-time staff and over 500 seasonal workers. Develop and oversee a budget of \$110 million, and work with the General Assembly on appropriations and legislative efforts. Lead the Governor's Parks and Outdoor Recreation Initiatives, recently focusing on promoting infrastructure improvements and mitigating risk of COVID in outdoor areas, and related to sports. Serve on the Energy Facility Siting Board, the Coastal Resources Management Council and the New England Marine Fisheries Council (represented by a designee). Serve as chair of Rhode Island's Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council, leading the state's comprehensive approach to addressing greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation challenges. Served as chair of the Governor's Lean Steering Committee, a public-private partnership increase efficiency and provide better customer service government-wide. Represent the Governor and the Department in the media, at events, and as an ambassador for conservation and protection of our environment and natural resources.

Fall 2003 to 2011

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER, Providence, RI  
*State Director:* Led and directed the Conservancy's program in Rhode Island to protect priority conservation areas in the state. Managed a staff of 20, developed and administered a budget of \$2 million, and stewarded over 8,000 acres of conservation lands. Developed annual and long-range terrestrial, freshwater and marine conservation objectives, and implemented a variety of conservation strategies, including working with partners on policy at the state and federal levels. Recruited and engaged the Board of Trustees to serve as ambassadors, donors and influencers to advance the Conservancy's agenda. Raised operating and capital funds totaling \$4-6 million annually for Rhode Island and \$300,000 for global programs, and secured public funds for land protection and restoration projects. Served on the Risk Assessment Committee, advising on innovative and high-risk projects around the world. Led the Conservancy's four-state Southern New England initiative, with a focus on marine spatial planning efforts to promote effective management of ocean resources. Represented Rhode Island on the New England Governors' Conference "Commission on Land Conservation."

Summer 2002 to  
Fall 2003

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, NORTHEAST AND CARIBBEAN DIVISION,  
CONSERVATION FINANCE AND POLICY PROGRAM, Providence, RI  
*Senior Policy Advisor, Federal and Congressional Affairs:* Developed strategies and guided Northeastern chapters on appropriations and legislation, federal grant programs, and agency and Congressional relations. Promoted conservation priorities with federal natural resource agencies. Served on Conservancy Cabinet to set national policy agenda and drafted operating plan for regional Conservation Finance

and Policy Program. Acted as primary contact with Rhode Island's Congressional delegation and worked on successful effort to approve a \$70 million clean water and open space state bond referendum. Served on Governor Carcieri's Environmental Transition Team and drafted "open space" and "water supply" sections of report.

February 2001 to  
June 2002

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER, Providence, RI  
**Director of Government Relations:** Worked with the State Director and staff to improve government relations and secure additional public funds for the Rhode Island program. Worked with the Rhode Island Congressional delegation to secure appropriations resulting in several million dollars from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Forest Legacy Program being invested in Rhode Island projects. Influenced work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand the boundaries of the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex and to direct appropriated funds to projects in South County and on Block Island.

April 1997 to  
January 2001

U.S. SENATOR LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, Providence, RI (Dec. 1999 to Feb. 2001)  
U.S. SENATOR JOHN H. CHAFEE, Providence, RI (Apr. 1997 to Nov. 1999)  
**Counsel and Environmental Coordinator:** Advised first Senator John Chafee until his death in 1999 and then Senator Lincoln Chafee on a variety of matters related to conservation, environmental quality, infrastructure, agriculture and energy. Developed and assisted in implementing legislative strategies, analyzed legislation and regulations, assisted in securing appropriations, coordinated with federal and state agencies, worked with and responded to towns, environmental organizations, businesses, and individuals. Responsibilities included drafting speeches, memos and letters, organizing press conferences and other events, and representing the Senator at public affairs and meetings. Regularly addressed a variety of groups, including lectures at Brown University, University of Rhode Island and Providence College.

January 1995 to  
April 1997

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS,  
Washington, DC  
**Counsel:** Worked for Chairman John Chafee on legislation and oversight regarding management of public lands and fish and wildlife issues, including the National Estuarine Habitat Restoration Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Wildlife Refuge System, Sikes Act, Coastal Barrier Resources Act and other laws. Responsibilities included drafting legislation and Committee reports, organizing Committee hearings, and writing speeches, memos and articles.

Fall 1994

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, DC  
**Legal Clerk:** Provided legal counsel on a variety of natural resource issues, concentrating on Departmental compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Fall 1993

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, San Francisco, CA  
**Legal Intern:** Worked with attorneys and scientists on research and litigation of federal and state environmental and natural resource issues.

Summer 1993

SHUTE, MIHALY & WEINBERGER, San Francisco, CA  
**Law Clerk:** Researched legal and environmental issues and assisted in writing briefs and memoranda for cases and clients of this small public interest oriented law firm.

Summer 1992

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, Washington, DC

**Law Clerk:** Assisted attorneys in Wildlife and Marine Resources Section on civil and criminal litigation. Researched issues and wrote memoranda and motions for suits arising under the Endangered Species Act and criminal prosecutions of wildlife smuggling operations. Reviewed testimony prepared by federal agencies.

June 1989 to  
August 1991

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS,  
Washington, DC

**Professional Staff Member:** Worked for Ranking Republican Senator John Chafee on legislative initiatives relating to fish and wildlife, wetlands, coastal barriers, climate change and public lands. Drafted legislation, organized hearings, and wrote memos, speeches and Committee reports. Handled all aspects of successful enactment of the Coastal Barrier Resources Improvement Act of 1990 and successful bipartisan effort to enact the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Fall 1985  
to July 1989

U.S. SENATOR GORDON J. HUMPHREY, Washington, DC

**Legislative Assistant:** Handled legislative initiatives and New Hampshire projects relating to environmental, natural resource, energy, agriculture and transportation. Drafted legislation establishing New Hampshire's first wild and scenic river. Served as the Senator's staff designee to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## AWARDS

2018: **Gary S. Sasse Distinguished Public Service Award**, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, and **Achievement Award**, New England Women in Energy and the Environment

2017: **Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa***, Roger Williams University

2016: **Paul G. Keough Environmental-Energy Award for Government Service**, New England Environmental Business Council

2015: **Mary Brennan Tourism Award**, Rhode Island Hospitality Association, **Leadership Award**, Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, and **Sail Newport President's Award**

2014: **John H. Chafee Conservation Leadership Award**, Environment Council of Rhode Island, and **RI's Most Powerful Women**, *Rhode Island Monthly*

2013: **Boater of the Year**, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association

2012: **Salomon Award**, Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, and **Tourism Award** for "Beautiful Rhode Island," Rhode Island Hospitality Association

## EDUCATION

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, CA

J.D., June 1994

Activities: President, Environmental Law Society, 1992-93; Member, Environmental Law Journal, 1991-1993; Co-founder, Public Interest Law Students Association; Research Assistant for environmental law professor, 1993; Teaching Assistant 1994.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, NH

B.A. in English, June 1985 - *Magna Cum Laude*

## OTHER

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYERS, *Fellow*, since 2016.  
NEW YORK STATE BAR, *Attorney*: Admitted to the New York State Bar in 1996.