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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Skilled environmental attorney, policy expert and senior manager with extensive knowledge of environmental law and policy. Held senior positions at the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency in domestic environmental policy and enforcement and international environmental policy.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**2020 to present**      **United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of International and Tribal Affairs**

**Principal International Advisor**

Principal International Advisor in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) at the Environmental Protection Agency. Serve as the Chair of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, a successful global partnership of governments, industry, academia and NGOs, with a secretariat in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), that is working with countries to enact laws banning lead paint. Vice-Chair and past Chair of the Environmental Policy Committee (EPOC) of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), representing the US Government in the design and implementation of OECD's environmental work, including the oversight of all of the EPOC working parties. Senior Manager and USG liaison for the United Nations Montevideo Programme, UNEP's rule of law program. Senior manager for EPA's engagement in ensuring the effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

**2009 to 2020**      **United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Global Affairs and Policy**

**Director**

Director of the office that manages EPA's multilateral international environmental engagement, working with international organizations and fora including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean (the Cartagena Convention), the Arctic Council, G20 and G7 Environment Ministerials, and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to promote environmental protection and conservation. Work closely with the US Department of State, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), and the Department of Commerce. Work on numerous environmental policy issues, including hazardous chemicals, black carbon, ecosystems services, marine litter, coral reef

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conservation, biodiversity, and air pollution from land and marine sources. Responsible for EPA's environmental trade portfolio, developing positions on environment chapters, regulatory coherence, and dispute resolution. Led the EPA delegation in the successful negotiation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. Chair of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, a public-private partnership to eliminate lead paint around the world. Head of EPA delegation at UN Environment Assemblies, successfully negotiating numerous resolutions including resolutions on marine litter, food waste, and resource efficiency. Chair and Vice Chair of the Environmental Policy Committee (EPOC) of the OECD.

**2002 to 2009**                      **United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Office of Civil Enforcement**

**Director**

Director of the office charged with civil enforcement at EPA. Developed and implemented EPA's strategy for enforcing EPA's environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Oil Pollution Act. Designed and implemented major enforcement initiatives to resolve widespread violations in numerous sectors. Concluded major litigation and settlements with power plants, oil refineries, municipal waste water treatment plants, national homebuilders, big box stores, and mobile sources, achieving millions of tons of pollution reduction, billions of dollars invested on compliance and infrastructure, hundreds of millions of dollars on supplemental environmental projects to help redress the violations, and hundreds of millions of dollars in civil penalties. Negotiated the largest administrative settlement under the Toxics Substance Control Act for \$10.25 million in penalties and millions in supplemental environmental projects. Worked with all ten EPA regions and DOJ to develop litigation and settlement positions. Brought into difficult settlement negotiations as with the Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the US Department of Justice, to reach agreement on major consent decrees. Developed the EPA Civil/Criminal Parallel Proceedings Policy with the Director of Criminal Enforcement.

**1996 to 2002**                      **United States Department of Justice**  
**Environmental Enforcement Section**

**Principal Deputy Chief and Deputy Chief**

Principal Deputy Chief (from 1999) and Deputy Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section, which litigates environmental cases in federal district court on behalf of federal agencies with environmental regulatory authority, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Interior, the Department of Transportation, and the Coast Guard. Managed the litigation in five of EPA's ten regions. Caseload included billion dollar superfund cases with hundreds of parties, billion dollar settlements for Clean Air Act violations with heavy duty diesel engine manufacturers, multimillion dollar oil spill settlements, including resolution of natural resource damages on behalf of NOAA, and resolution of municipal wastewater treatment cases to eliminate sewage overflows. Duties also included functioning as the primary liaison to the Office of Civil

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Enforcement of EPA, and as the principle contact for parallel criminal and civil proceedings and coordination with the Environmental Crimes Section.

**1989 to 1996**                      **United States Department of Justice  
Environmental Enforcement Section**

**Assistant Chief**

Assistant Chief for the litigation group responsible for federal civil environmental enforcement arising in the eight southeastern and four western states that comprise EPA's Region 4, based in Atlanta, and Region 9, based in San Francisco. The litigation group's docket included some of the most complex and significant environmental actions in the country, including major Superfund cases in California, a major oil spill in California, and municipal wastewater treatment cases in Florida, Georgia, California and Hawaii. As Assistant Chief reviewed all litigation and settlement positions, reviewed all significant briefs, and approved all consent decrees and complaints. Duties required extensive cooperation and coordination with EPA regions 4 and 9, and coordinating with other federal agencies, including NOAA and Interior, on cases in those eight states.

**1986 to 1989**                      **United States Department of Justice  
Environmental Enforcement Section**

**Senior Attorney**

Senior Attorney in the 4 & 9 Litigation Group, with responsibility for first line supervision of all cases arising in EPA's Region 9. Supervisory responsibilities included review of all pleadings, briefs, and discovery, and directing strategy for litigation and settlement. Lead counsel on a number of significant cases.

**1985 to 1986**                      **United States Department of Justice  
Environmental Enforcement Section**

**Trial Attorney**

Trial Attorney with case responsibilities in EPA Regions 4, 9, and 10. Lead counsel on cases brought pursuant to a number of environmental statutes, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

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1978 to 1985                    **Legal Aid Society of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky**

**Deputy Director, Housing Unit Head, Staff  
Attorney**

Deputy Director, Housing Unit Head and Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, a 70 person civil legal services office covering Louisville and the surrounding area. Appointed to the position of Deputy Director in 1980, working with the Director and Litigation Director to manage the office. Legal portfolio ranged from representing tenants in state court to lead counsel in federal class action litigation.

**EDUCATION**

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, Louisville, Kentucky  
J.D.

WILMINGTON COLLEGE, Wilmington, Ohio  
**B.A., cum laude**

**AWARDS/MEMBERSHIPS**

Presidential Rank Awards 2007, 2013,\* 2017  
Department of State Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards  
Department of Justice Special Commendation Award  
Department of Justice Special Achievement Awards  
EPA Russell Train Sustainability Award  
EPA National Honor Awards  
\*Finalist for Distinguished PRA in 2013, awards not given in 2013 (non-monetary recognition only)

United States Supreme Court  
United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Kentucky Bar Association

President, Women Students' Association  
President, National Honor Society

**References Furnished Upon Request**