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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Southern California Gas Company**

Los Angeles, CA

*Senior Counsel* – Natural Resources and Land Use (2010-Present)

Responsibilities Include:

- Serving as the sole legal counsel responsible for providing guidance to the company on all natural resource and land use matters.
- Providing counsel on environmental laws including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Endangered Species Act, California Coastal Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Clean Water Act.
- Representing the company in matters before the California Coastal Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Department of Fish and Game and various other local, state and federal agencies.
- Providing strategic advice on new legislation affecting the company and drafting proposed legislation on matters before the California Legislature
- Guiding the preparation and review of Initial Studies and Environmental Impact Reports for major large scale utility projects.
- Reviewing and analyzing utility projects for compatibility with California land use laws and controls, including the Subdivision Map Act, local ordinances, regulations and controls including conditional use permits and variances, requirements and CEQA.
- Authoring seminars aimed at senior management and clients on environmental law and issues of consequence to the company.
- Advising and representing internal clients in connection with the acquisition and disposition of real property; drafting and negotiating leases, purchase agreements, easements, title and survey review.
- Overseeing and managing outside counsel, together with outside counsel budgets, on various legal matters.

### **Southern California Edison Company**

Rosemead, CA

*Senior Attorney* – Environmental, Land Use and Local Governance (2002-2010)

Responsibilities included:

- Reviewing and analyzing utility projects for compatibility with California land use laws and controls, including the Subdivision Map Act, local ordinances, regulations and controls including conditional use permits and variances, CPUC requirements and CEQA.

- Assisting SCE senior management by providing legal advice, developing policy and business decisions regarding local jurisdiction permitting matters and local governmental affairs.
- Authoring Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) presentations and seminars aimed at educating colleagues, senior management and clients on environmental law and issues of consequence to the company.
- Representing SCE before cities, counties, municipal officials with respect to a broad range of environmental, real property, local franchise and permitting matters.
- Advising and representing internal clients in connection with the acquisition and disposition of real property; drafting and negotiating leases, purchase agreements, easements, title and survey review; advising internal clients with respect to the legality and enforcement of SCE's property rights.
- Overseeing and managing outside counsel, together with outside counsel budgets, on various legal matters.

**Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory, LLP**

Los Angeles, CA

*Associate* – Real Estate/Land Use Group (2001-2002)

- Experience included representing clients in connection with the acquisition and disposition of real property; drafting and negotiating purchase agreements, leases, subleases, easement agreements, title and survey review; reviewing and analyzing client projects for compliance with local land use controls and CEQA; assisting clients with entitlement strategies; coordinating entitlement processes and discretionary actions with local agencies including subdivision and tract map approvals, variances, conditional use permits and zoning amendments.

**Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, L.L.P.**

Los Angeles, CA

*Associate* – Real Estate Department (1999-2001)

*Summer Associate* (1998)

- Experience included representing clients in a wide variety of real estate transactions including purchase and sale agreements, lease and sublease agreements.

**The Honorable Stephen J. Hillman, U.S. Magistrate Judge**

Los Angeles, CA

Central District of California

*Judicial Extern* (1997)

- Assisted Judge Hillman in drafting judicial opinions on Social Security disability cases. Assisted in discovery proceedings.

**California Air National Guard**

Port Hueneme, CA

*Staff Sergeant* – Meteorological Specialist (1992-1996)

- Conducted general weather observation and short-term forecasting duties for airports and heliports; prepared weather charts; operated and monitored weather station equipment; briefed pilots on current and forecasted weather data.

**United States Air Force**

Bitburg, Germany

*Staff Sergeant* – Aircraft Weapons Systems Technician (1987-1992)

- Repaired electronic and mechanical components of F-4 and F-15 fighter aircraft weapons systems; conducted pre-flight safety inspections; trained and supervised junior enlisted members.

**EDUCATION**

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**Columbia University School of Law**

New York, NY

J.D., 1999

Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Editor: 1997-1998

Participant: Jerome Michael Jury Trial Program

**California State University, Fullerton**

Fullerton, CA

B.A., 1996, Major: Political Science; Minor: Geography

Commencement Speaker, 1996 Graduation Ceremonies

Member, Psi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society

Recipient of Craig Perez Memorial Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in the Field of Political Science (1996)

**TEACHING/PRESENTATIONS**

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Panelist: "*Challenges with Energy, Gas and the Environment*" at the Whittier Law School Environmental Law Symposium (February, 2012)

Presenter: "*Bringing Renewable Energy Projects to Fruition: Aligning Players, Risks and Rewards*" at the Annual Conference of National South Asian Bar Association (June, 2011)

Teacher/Facilitator/Program Coordinator: *Street Law*: Attorneys and law students teaching public practical law to high school students (2004 to 2010)

Teaching Assistant: California State University, Fullerton, Introduction to Political Science with Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein (1995-1996)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Board of Directors, California State Fullerton Alumni Association (2002-2008)

Fluent in Spanish

Interests include motorcycles, bicycling and skiing.