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## WORK EXPERIENCE

December 1999 to  
present

**Wolford Law**  
Erie, PA  
Private practice attorney

- Solo practitioner
- Approximately 75% of caseload comprised of environmental cases
- All forms of litigation, primarily actions/appeals before State and Federal Courts and the PA Environmental Hearing Board

June 1996 to  
December 1999

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**  
Meadville, PA  
Regional Counsel

- Regional office chief and litigation attorney
- Independently handled all aspects of supervising regional office
- All forms of litigation, primarily actions/appeals before State and Federal Courts and the PA Environmental Hearing Board
- Enforcement
- Program counseling
- Independently handled all aspects of case files
- Emphasis on air quality, water quality, and investigations
- Special Deputy Attorney General, Environmental Crimes Section

December 1992 to  
June 1996

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**  
Meadville, PA  
Assistant Counsel

- Regional office litigation attorney
- All forms of litigation, primarily actions/appeals before State and Federal Courts and the PA Environmental Hearing Board
- Enforcement
- Program counseling
- Independently handled all aspects of case files
- Emphasis on water quality and safe drinking water issues
- Special Deputy Attorney General, Environmental Crimes Section

February 1990 to  
December 1992

**Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General**  
Meadville, PA  
Deputy Attorney General

- Environmental Crimes Section prosecutor
- Attorney-in-charge of regional field office
- Investigations and prosecutions of environmental crimes
- Independently handled all aspects of case files
- Responsible for opening field office and generating cases
- Developed most productive field office within two years of start-up

September 1987 to  
February 1990

**Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Deputy Attorney General

- Torts Litigation Section trial attorney
- Case preparation, arbitration, trials, appeals
- Independently handled all aspects of large caseload
- Advanced to supervisor in August 1989

October 1986 to  
September 1987

**Hal C. Pitkow & Associates**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Associate

- Associate of asbestos litigation firm
- Prepared pleadings, motions, briefs, memoranda, discovery
- Independently handled a small number of case files

May 1984 to  
August 1985  
(summers only)

**MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton**  
Erie, PA  
Law clerk (1985)

- Legal research; prepared memoranda, motions, briefs, interrogatories; attended depositions, oral arguments, trial

Title-search clerk (1984)

- Prepared title reports, abstracts; attended closings

## **EDUCATION**

**Temple University School of Law**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Juris Doctorate, May of 1986

•Also completed clinical programs with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, Federal Court Division and Court of Common Pleas Division

**The Pennsylvania State University**  
University Park, PA  
Bachelor of Arts, May of 1983  
Major: English, Writing Option

•Extracurricular activities included freelance writing, student government, fraternity government, charity work, athletics, and part-time employment

## **LEGAL ACTIVITIES**

•**Past Chair, PBA Environmental and Energy Law Section:** Served as Chair and long-time Council member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental and Energy Law Section; also served as an Awards Committee member for several years.

•**Committee Chair, PBA Environmental and Energy Law Section:** Currently serve as Chair of the Section's Programs and Publications Committee.

•**Education Liaison, PBA Environmental and Energy Law Section:** Currently serve as the Section's Education Liaison to Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

•**Past Vice-Chair, PBA Shale Energy Law Committee:** Served as a Vice-Chair of the Shale Energy Law Committee at its inception (the Committee was later dissolved).

•**Contributor, Pennsylvania Bar Institute's *The Law of Oil & Gas in Pennsylvania*:** Authored Chapter 18, Development of Oil and Gas on State and Federal Lands.

•**Member, Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board Rules Committee:** Currently serve on the EHB Rules Committee.

•**Lecturer:** I am a regular lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute on environmental and ethics topics, and I lectured extensively for both the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") related to investigating environmental offenses. The lecture materials that I developed for the DEP were used as training materials for Pennsylvania's Minor Judiciary, and I trained District Justices at the Minor Judiciary Training Center in New Cumberland, PA. I have also lectured for the EPA on investigative interviewing, witness preparation, report writing, and chain of custody issues; and I received an award for exemplary teaching skills from the EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute. I also lectured on criminal enforcement of water-related environmental statutes in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee ("LECC") for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and I lectured for the DEP on a variety of topics. I have also lectured on various topics for the Erie County Bar Association and other county bar associations.

•**Adjunct Professor, Gannon University:** Previously instructed a basic environmental law course that I developed. The course is a survey course on Pennsylvania environmental law at the Federal and State levels.

•**Adjunct Professor, Thiel College:** Developed and previously instructed the same basic environmental law course for Thiel College in Greenville, PA.

•**Adjunct Professor, Allegheny College:** Developed and instructed a basic legal research course for Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. At the conclusion of the course, the top students were selected to participate in a legal internship program that I initiated and supervised for the DEP.

•**Guest speaker:** In my positions as both an environmental civil litigation attorney and an environmental crimes prosecutor, I was frequently asked to speak for various organizations. Speaking engagements have included, for example, the Penn State Cooperative Extension; the Erie Chapter of the Sierra Club; the SONS of Lake Erie; and organizations at various educational institutions.

•**Former LECC Member:** As a member of the U.S. Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee for the Western District of Pennsylvania, I sat on the steering committee for LECC's Subcommittee on Environmental Crimes. The purpose of the Subcommittee was to coordinate investigations and prosecutions of environmental crimes at the Federal, State, and local levels; and also to increase awareness about environmental criminal enforcement within various agencies at all three levels.

•**Feature Editor:** I was a Feature Editor for the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental, Mineral and Natural Resources Section newsletter.

•**Super Lawyers / U.S. News & World Report / Martindale-Hubbell:** In addition to being repeatedly named to the annual Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list, I have been regularly included in the U.S. News/Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" rankings and am highly rated in *Martindale-Hubbell*.

•**Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association:** I am "Highly Recommended" by the PBA to serve as a judge on the Commonwealth Court.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

•United States Supreme Court

•United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

•United States District Courts (Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of PA;  
District of New Jersey)

•Pennsylvania Supreme Court

•New Jersey Supreme Court (resigned)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Member)
- PBA Environmental and Energy Law Section (Past Chair and Member)
- PBA Shale Energy Law Committee (Former Vice-Chair and Member)
- Erie County Bar Association (Member)
- State Water Plan Statewide Committee (Member)
- State Water Plan Great Lakes Regional Committee (Member)
- Erie Sewer Authority (Former Board Member)
- Presque Isle State Park Complex Advisory Committee (Member)
- Presque Isle Partnership (Board Member)
- Presque Isle Light Station (Former Board Member)