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Education

- B.A., University of Oregon, 1972
- J.D., Northwestern School of Law, 1987

Admission to Court

- Oregon State Bar 1987
- Idaho State Bar 1988
- Nevada State Bar 1988
- Washington State Bar 1995
- United States District Court for Idaho 1988
- United States District Court for Oregon 1989
- United States District Court for Nevada 1990
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 1998
- United States District Court of the Western District of Washington 1999
- United States District Court of the Eastern District of Washington 2000
- United States Supreme Court 2006



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International Legal Experience

2010 to April 2011

Millennium Challenge Corporation contracted through Utah State University
MCC Supervisor: Stephanie Haile Contract Contact: Robert W. Hill
Millennium Challenge Corporation Utah State University
875 Fifteenth Street N.W. Extension Specialist
Washington DC 20005-2221 Irrigation & Water Resources
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Robert.Hill@usu.edu

September 2010 to April 2011:

Consult through periodic phone conferences and by email with Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia staff to assist in moving drafted agricultural policy legislation including code, decree, and rule provisions through government and parliament approval process. Following telephone consultations provide short email progress reports to MCC Supervisor in DC and onsite MCC program staff at Armenian Embassy. Prepared lengthy report comparing adopted terms of agricultural policy with adopted and proposed legislative changes to water code, water user's association code, tax regulations on water user's associations and related laws in order to assist MCC Supervisor in her determination concerning sufficient progress by Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia in meeting its goals.

August 30 to September 10, 2010, Yerevan, Armenia

Consultation included continued development of draft water code, governmental decree, and regulation amendments for the purpose of creating self-sustaining financial environment for water user associations. Focus of collaborative efforts was with local attorneys for contractors drafting proposed legislative changes. Continued meetings with governmental entities focused on taxes levied against water users and water user associations in order to build consensus for proposed changes. Meet with additional Armenian Executive Branch officials, USAID, World Bank and non-governmental organizations to encourage collaboration with the Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia for the adoption of proposed legislation and funding of water sector.

August 16-17, 2010 California (With Armenian Study Tour)

Participated in California Study Tour with Armenian delegation to focus study and questions to hosts on issues related to water user association (WUA) budgeting, tariffs, government subsidies and taxing as well as consolidation of WUAs into larger organizations (Federations).

July 22 – August 8, 2010, Yerevan, Armenia

On-site consultation and collaboration with international and local experts re: (1) Budgeting systems in Water User Associations (WUAs); (2) Dual-tariff irrigation service fee for WUAs:



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(3) Establishment of WUA Federation(s); (4) State financial support to the irrigation sector, subsidy level to WUAs and irrigation service fee level, recommend new or improved approach to the current system of the Government subsidies for WUAs; and (5) Tax Policy for WUAs and the tax accounting system and practices in the WUAs. Local and international experts consulted included government entities (Public Services Regulatory Commission, Finance and Tax Authorities, Sevan Lake Commission, Yerevan Water Supply Agency, Executive Branch officials), USAID, World Bank and non-governmental organizations to provide international advice/experience concerning irrigation and drainage policy legislation including water code amendments, government decree amendments, rule/regulation amendments scheduled for executive department approval and referral to parliament fall 2010.

July 2009 to July 2010

Deskwork recommendations related to prioritization and edits to proposed National Irrigation and Drainage Policy based upon evaluation of government of Armenia (GoA) reactions to draft. Continuing consultation regarding adoption strategy within GoA legal framework.

June 20-29, 2009, Yerevan, Armenia

Pre-trip review of proposed National Irrigation and Drainage Policy and Strategy document. On-site consultation and collaboration with international and local experts; government entities including Water Resources Management Agency, State Committee, Water Management Organizations, Drainage Sector Directors, Executive Branch officials; and USAID, World Bank and non-governmental organizations to provide international advice/experience concerning irrigation and drainage policy proposed for national adoption fall 2009.

2006 to 2008

US State Department/USAID contracted through PA Consulting, Inc.

Contact:

Robert Cardinalli, Chief of Party
Infrastructure and Development Services
PA Consulting Group
4601 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22203
Current email: Robert.Cardinalli@tetrattech.com

March 27, 2008 through April 20, 2008, Yerevan, Armenia

Provided international experience and advised on international best practices for private management contracts, offered revisions to existing contracts on issues including tariffs and monitoring. Continued to work to resolve water code issues and provided extensive comments on a draft Law on Self-Monitoring.



September 3, 2007 through September 14, 2007, Yerevan, Armenia

Provided additional revisions to water code and drinking water code to ensure consistency between the revisions and with the philosophy and terms of applicable European Union Directives. Proposed solutions to problems relating to water system use permitting and suggested alternatives to state structure of managing drinking water facilities. Offered various options to revise dam safety sections of water code noting relationship to current treaty between Turkey and Armenia on international water course and dam structure between countries.

February 28, 2007 through March 15 2007, Yerevan, Armenia

Narrowed review of existing water code and proposed amendments, offering detailed comments on the drinking water code, National Water Policy related to water use permitting priorities, and the Environmental Inspection Code concerning enforcement delegation and levels, continuing to work with government entities.

December 10, 2006 through January 7, 2007, Yerevan, Armenia

Reviewed existing water code and proposed amendments, collaborating with USAID experts to provide options for unresolved amendment issues in meetings with government entities including the Water Resources Management Agency, State Committee, and Public Services Regulatory Commission.

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Nevada: 440 Marsh Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89509, (775) 786-8800
Washington: 20303 NE Bridlewood Rd., Battleground, WA 98604, (360) 687-6047

Legal Experience

1991 to the present

Schroeder Law Offices, PC -- Portland, OR; Reno, NV; Boise, ID; Battleground, WA

Private regional and international practice limited to representation on water related issues including four associate attorneys, two paralegals, one law clerk, and five administrative staff emphasizing education, transactions, administrative actions, and litigation to support a potable water supply, food and forage production

1988 to 1991

Associate: Bullivant, Houser, Bailey, Pendergrass & Hoffman, Portland, OR



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1983 to 1986

Clerk: Schroeder, Hutchens & Sullivan-Vale, OR

1985 to 1986

Clerk: Cooney, Crew & Whitol-Portland, OR

1986

Intern/Natural Resources: Regional Solicitor-Portland, OR

1982-1983

Litigation Paralegal: Schroeder & Hutchens-Vale, OR

Other Related Experience

1972-1988

Partner-Farm Business

Owned and operated family row crop farm in Nyssa, OR. Supervised up to 50 employees, managed water rights, real estate transactions, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, and financing.

1978-1984

Faith Lutheran Preschool-Founder, Director, Teacher-Nyssa, OR

Developed concept and organized preschool education center that served up to 60 students and employed 6 teaching staff.

1978-1982

Ore-Ida Foods-Quality Control Supervisor

Supervised 3 laboratories and 15 technicians performing quality control for food processing operation. Began as line worker, promoted to supervisor after competitive assessment process.

1980-1981

County Land Use Committee

Designed plan for rural housing following State goals.



Legal Association Memberships and Activities

- Oregon State Bar Association, 1987-present.
 - Sections:
 - *Agricultural Law Section*
 - Executive Committee, Secretary 1997-1998
 - CLE subcommittee, Chair 1998-1999
 - Executive Committee, Chair 1999-2000
 - Executive Committee Past Chair 2000-2001
 - *Litigation Section*
 - *Environmental and Natural Resources Section*
 - Committee on Bridging the Gap 1989-1990
 - Executive Committee 1990-1993
 - Committee on Legislation 1989-1991
 - Technical Seminar: Groundwater, Chair 1991
 - Technical Seminar: Risk Assessment, Chair 1992
 - Legislative Notebook, October 1991
 - "1991 OSB Legislative Update: Environmental and Natural Resource Law"
 - "DEQ Site Discovery Rules," Oregon State Bar Natural Resource Section Newsletter, Winter 1991
 - "The Kura-Araks Basin: A Post-USSR Perspective on International Water Law Policy," Oregon State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Portland, Oregon, August, 2011
 - *Law Practice Management Section*
 - *Sole and Small Firm Practice Section*
 - *Real Estate and Land Use Section*
 - *Estate Planning and Administration*
 - *International Law*
 - *Administrative Law Section*
 - Editor, Administrative Law Deskbook, "Agency Orders in Other Than Contested Cases," 2001, 2004, 2010
 - "It's Time for a Water Court," Administrative Law Newsletter, Winter, 2009
 - *Construction Law Section*
 - *Family and Juvenile Law Section*
 - Committees:
 - Lawyer's Assistance Executive Committee, Secretary 1989-1990; Chair 1990-1991
 - BOG Ad Hoc Committee on Lawyer's Assistance 1989-1990
 - OSB/Multnomah Co. Professional Responsibility Committee 1992-1994
 - Oregon Law Related Education Mock Trial Judge 1990



- Related Oregon Bar memberships:
 - *Multnomah Bar Association, 1987-present:*
 - Community Law Week, Courthouse Tour Committee 1989
 - Community Law Week Booth Subcommittee Chair 1990
 - *Oregon Women Lawyers, 2001-present:*
 - Leadership Conference Planning Committee, May, 2004

- Idaho State Bar Association, 1988-present.
 - *Water Law Section*
 - “Guidance Controls Water Quality or Settlement? After the Flood: The Jurisdictional Reach of Navigable Waters in the Post *Rapano* West,” *The Advocate*, Volume 52, No. 5, May 2009
 - *Real Property Section*
 - *Environment & Natural Resources Law Section*
 - Council Member, 2008-2009

- Nevada State Bar Association, 1988-present.
 - *Administrative Law Section*
 - *Environmental and Natural Resources Section*
 - Chair Executive Committee 2009
 - Immediate Past Chair Executive Committee 2010
Speaker: “Ethics,” and “Nevada Water Law Basics,” Nevada State Bar Natural Resources Section, Reno, Nevada and Las Vegas Nevada, September, 2010

“Turbid Waters: The Interaction Between Interbasin Transfers and the Clean Water Act,” *The Nevada Lawyer*, January 2011
“Domestic Ground Water Exemptions: Competing Uses Pressure Requirements for Water Rights But Constitutional Right to Life May Trump the Prior Appropriation Doctrine,” *Nevada Lawyer*, September, 2009

- Washington State Bar Association, 1995-present.
 - *Environmental and Land Use Section*
 - *International Practice Section*
 - *Real Property, Probate and Trust Section*
 - *Fee Arbitration Panel, 2005-2008*
 - *Lawyers Assistance Program Committee, 1999-2006*
 - Confidentiality Subcommittee, 2000
 - Marketing Subcommittee, 2000-2001
 - Chair, 2002-2005
 - CLE Subcommittee 2003-2006
 - Development Subcommittee Chair 2002-2006

- American Bar Association, 1987-present.
 - *General Practice Small Firm Section*
 - Agricultural Law Committee
 - International Law Committee



- *Law Practice Management Section*
 - ABA Women Rainmakers Committee
 - Management Core Group
 - Marketing Core Group
- *Litigation Section*
 - Environmental Litigation
 - “Ethics in Mass Tort Litigation,” ABA National Institute Seminar, San Francisco, California, December 1989
 - The Women Advocate
 - Trial Practice
- *Environment, Energy and Resources Section*
 - Agricultural Management
 - Hydro Power
 - Mining
 - Public Land and Resources
 - Water Quality and Wetlands
 - Water Resources
 - “Transactional Due Diligence in Water Rights Transactions,” Moderator and Speaker, 19th Annual Water Law Conference, San Diego California, February, 2001
 - “Transactional Due Diligence: Oregon,” Environment, Energy and Resources Section, 19th Annual Water Law Conference, San Diego California, February, 2001
 - “Environment, Energy and Resource Law: Year in Review,” Water Resources Editor for Oregon, 1999-present.
 - International Water Committee
 - 2004 International Environmental Moot Court Competition, Grader.
- *Real Property, Probate & Trust Section*
 - Easements Restrictions and Covenants
 - Environmental
 - Estate Planning and Administration for Business Owners, Farmers and Ranchers
 - Legal Opinions in Real Estate Transactions

Water Association Memberships

- American Water Resources (Water Engineers and Consultants) Association (AWRA):
<http://www.awra.org/>
 - Oregon Chapter 2009-present: <http://state.awra.org/oregon/>
 - Idaho Chapter 2010-present: <http://state.awra.org/idaho/>
 - Nevada Water Resources Association (NVWRA), 2004-present:
<http://www.nvwra.org/>
- American Water Works (Domestic Water Users) Association (AWWA), 2004-present:
<http://www.awwa.org/>
 - Pacific Northwest Section (Idaho, Oregon, & Washington)



- Oregon Water Utility Council: <http://www.pnws-awwa.org/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=41>
- Family Farm Alliance (Agricultural Water Users in Federal Projects) (FFA), 1999-present: <http://www.familyfarmalliance.org/>
- Irrigation District (Agricultural Water Users) Associations
 - Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC), 1987-present: <http://www.owrc.org/>
 - Tri-State Water Resources Association (TriState)
 - Speaker
 - Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), 2000-present: <http://www.iwua.org/>
 - Board Member 2008-2010
 - Advisor to Board 2010-2011
 - Education Committee, 2009-present
 - Toastmaster, 74th Annual Convention Awards Luncheon, Boise, Idaho, January, 2011
 - Speaker: “Protecting Easements and Rights of Way, A Case Study”, Water Law Seminar and Workshop, Boise, Idaho, June, 2010
 - Speaker: “Setting Irrigation District Board Policy,” Annual Meeting, Boise, Idaho, Winter 1997
 - Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA), 2007-present: <http://www.wswra.org/>
 - National Water Resources Association (NWRA), 1987-present: <http://www.nwra.org/>
- Rural Water Utility (Small Community Domestic Water Users) Associations
 - Nevada Rural Water Association (NvRWA), 2004-present: <http://www.nvrwa.org/>
Speaker, “Nevada Water Rights Boot Camp,” Comprehensive review of the basics of Nevada Water Rights, 7 full day seminars 2006-present
 - Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU), 2004-present: <http://www.oawu.net/>
Speaker: “Permit Terms, Rules, Statutes & Policy,” and “Preparing a Water Management Plan,” Summer Classic, Seaside, Oregon, August 2010
Speaker: “Municipal Water Right Permit Extensions,” Summer Classic, Seaside, Oregon, August, 2008
Speaker: “Management, Using a Certified Water Rights Examiner,” Summer Classic, Seaside, Oregon, August 2006
 - Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW) 2010-present: <http://www.erwow.org/>.
 - Idaho Rural Water Association, 2010-present
- Ground Water (Well Drillers and Related Industry) Associations
 - National Ground Water Association (NGWA), 2008-present: <http://www.ngwa.org/>
 - Oregon Ground Water Association (OGWA), 2004-present: <http://www.ogwa.org/>
 - 2008 Oregon Ground Water Association Time Dedication Award
 - Attorney Advisor to the Board of Directors, 2006-present
 - Bylaws Committee, 2006-2009

- Governmental Affairs Committee, 2007-2009
 - Speaker: “Exemptions from Permitting and Senate Bill 788,” Fall Convention, Glenden Beach, Oregon, October, 2009
 - Speaker: “Exempt Ground Water Uses and Wells,” Fall Convention, October 2007
 - Speaker: “Creating Effective Company Policies for the Ground Water Industry,” Annual Convention, Keizer, Oregon, March 2007
 - Groundwater Registrations: Lost Opportunity,” and “Collecting Money from Clients that Don’t Pay – The Construction Lien,” Fall Convention, October 2006
 - Speaker: “Water Law Basics: Hydrologic Connection Transfers and Well Sharing Agreements,” Annual Meeting, 2003
 - Speaker: “Ground Water Studies in the Klamath Basin and Implications,” Fall Meeting, 2001
 - Washington State Ground Water Association (WSGWA), 2009-present: <http://www.wsgwa.org/>
 - Attorney Advisor to Board of Directors, 2009-present
- Oregon Water Coalition (Oregon Regional Water Users and Economic/Educational Development Association), Charter Member, 1992-present: <http://www.oregonwatercoalition.org/>
 - President’s Award, 2010
 - Speaker: “Ground Water Issues and Legislative Update,” Annual Meeting, Hermiston, Oregon, January 2009
 - Speaker: “Ground Water Issues and Legislative Update,” Annual Meeting, Hermiston, Oregon, January, 2007
 - Speaker: “Oregon Water Rights Boot Camp,” Hermiston, Oregon, March 2006
 - Speaker: “Legislative Developments in Oregon,” Annual Meeting, Hermiston, Oregon, January 2005
 - Speaker: “New Thought: Bureau of Reclamation,” Annual Meeting, Hermiston, Oregon, January 1997
 - Water for Life (Ranching & Farming Agricultural Water Users Association), 1998-present: <http://www.waterforlife.net/>
 - Executive Legislative Committee Advisor
 - Speaker: “Oregon Water Rights Boot Camp,” Comprehensive review of the basics of Oregon Water Rights, 25 full day seminars 2006-present
 - Speaker: “Oregon Water Law Academy, Water Management Issues and Opportunities,” Advanced Review of Oregon Water Rights, 6 full day seminars 2009-present.
 - Oregon Lake Association (Recreational & Homeowner’s Water Users Association), 2006-present: <http://www.oregonlakes.org/>
 - US Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, (West-US and International Agricultural Water Engineers and Consultants) Lifetime Member: <http://www.uscid.org/index.html>
 - Elected Board Member, March 2008-present
 - USCID nominee to ICID committee, 2009 to present



- Conference Planning Committees, 2004-present
 - “The Struggle for Efficiency – Actions and Consequences,” USCID International Conference, San Diego, California, November 15-18, 2011; Co-Chair
 - “Intergovernmental Agreements: Taking Advantage of Irrigation District Partnerships,” USCID Water Management Conference, Sacramento, California, March 25, 2010
 - “Issues and Considerations Raised When District Accepts Municipal Water Into Irrigation Canals,” USCID Water District Specialty Conference, Sparks, Nevada, June, 3, 2009
 - “Water Rights in the US and Shortages,” USCID Water Management Conference, Portland, Oregon, September, 2008

Practice Related Memberships

- American Agricultural Law Association (AALA), 1998-present.
- National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) 2011
- Association of Rangeland Consultants, 2004-present.
- Cattlemen’s Associations
 - Idaho Cattlemen’s Association, 2008-present
 - Nevada Cattlemen’s Association, 2008-present
 - Oregon Cattlemen’s Association (OCA), 1995-present
 - “Cancellation and Forfeiture of Water Rights,” Oregon Cattlemen’s Beef Producer, July/August 2001
 - Oregon Cattlewomen, 2004-present
 - Washington Cattlemen’s Association, 2008-present
- Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB), 1998-present.
 - Morrow County Chapter
- Oregon Agri-Business Council/Oregon Agricultural Alliance, 2004-present.
- Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN), 2004-present.
 - Mt Hood Chapter
 - Clackamas County Chapter
- Oregon Women for Agriculture (OWA), 2004-present.
- Oregon City Attorneys Association, 2009-present.

Additional Publications

“Domestic Groundwater Exemptions: Competing Uses Put Pressure On Western Water Right Requirements, But Constitutional Right To Life May Trump Prior Appropriation Doctrine,” Willamette University Willamette Law Review, Volume #47, Issue #3, 2011.

Water Law Blog, <http://water-law.com/wordpress>, March 2008 to present.

"Use it or Lose It: Water Rights and Water Issues in Oregon," In Good Tilt, August, 2004.

"Law of Easements in Oregon," June, 2004.



"Water Law in Oregon: Extensions, Amendments and Transfers," May, 2004.

Western Water Law Policy and Review, Editor 1999-2000 including articles:

"Federal Court Exercises Jurisdiction Over Enforcement Proceedings Involving Water Rights Adjudicated Pursuant to Nevada's Statutory Water Law," January, 2000.

"Managing Developed Surface Water in Urban Growth Boundaries," December, 1999.

"The Endangered Species Act's Consultation Requirements," November, 1999.

"Ninth Circuit Rules in Favor of the Bureau of Reclamation: Irrigators Cannot Sue as Third Party Beneficiaries to Federal Dam Operation Contract and ESA Responsibilities Can Alter Pre-ESA Reclamation Contracts," October, 1999.

"Water Right Transfers in Oregon," September, 1999.

"Regulators Urge Cancellations of Water Rights No Longer in Use," August, 1999.

"Negotiated Water Rights Settlement for Agricultural Project Draws Protests from Environmental Groups," July, 1999.

"Ninth Circuit Denies Petition for Review of Bonneville Power Administration Record of Decision Regarding Power Systems Operations," June, 1999.

Irrigation District Handbook and revisions, 1994- present.

"When the Oil Spills, Who Pays? Who Defends?," Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Seminar Environmental Pollution Litigation, Portland, Oregon, November 1989.

University and Law School Lectures

"Domestic Groundwater Exemptions: Competing Uses Put Pressure on Western Water Right Requirements, But Constitutional Right to Life May Trump Prior Appropriation Doctrine," Willamette University College of Law Implementing the Human Right to Water in the West Conference, Salem, Oregon, February, 2011.

"Municipal Permitting, Development & Extensions," Oregon State University Water Resources Seminar, Corvallis, Oregon, October, 2010.

"Making a Case for Overlying Landowner Tort Recovery When Storm Water Drain Construction Destroys an Underground Aquifer," Valparaiso University Law School Guest Lecture, January 2003.

"Water Law Fundamentals" Northwestern School of Law CLE Series, Fall - Winter 2000.



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“Initial Considerations for Solo Practice,” Northwestern School of Law Symposium, Fall 1996.

“Agricultural Use of Water,” Northwestern School of Law Natural Resource Symposium, Spring, 1996.

"Evolution and Current Status of Oregon Water Law" for the Fall 1995 Seminar Series sponsored by the Oregon Water Resources Research Institute at Oregon State University
“Water and Agriculture: Costs, Benefits and Tradeoffs,” October, 1995.

“Federal and State Conflicts in Water Control,” Moderator for Panel Discussion, Oregon State University Institute, Fall 1995.

“Oregon Water Law,” Guest Lecturer for Graduate Policy Seminar on Natural Resource Issues, Oregon State University, Fall 1995.

Additional Speaking

“Domestic Groundwater Exemptions: Will a Constitutional Right to Life Effect the Exempt Well Debate?,” and “Exempt Wells: Problems and Approaches in the Northwest: Oregon’s Exempt Groundwater Uses,” State of Washington Water Research Center, Washington State University, Exempt Wells Conference: Problems and Approaches in the Northwest, Walla Walla, Washington, May 17–18, 2011

“Oregon’s Domestic Groundwater Exemptions: Present & Future Considerations,” The Future of Oregon’s Water Supply & Management Conference, The Seminar Group, Portland, Oregon, March 17, 2011.

"Law of Easements: Legal Issues & Practical Considerations," Lorman Educational Services, Boise Idaho, January 2009.

“Washington Water Rights Boot Camp,” American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers, Spokane, Washington, October, 2008.

“Managing Surface & Ground Water: A State by State Approach,” Idaho Ground Water Connections Conference, Boise, Idaho, September, 2008.

“Law of Easements Seminar,” American Society of Rural Farm Managers & Appraisers, Salem Oregon, January, 2008.

