

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
115th Congress Disclosure Form
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June 28, 2017

“Examining Policy Impacts of Excessive Litigation Against the Department of the Interior.”

For Individuals:

Name:
Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Caroline Lobdell
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Western Resources Legal Center
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Business Email Address: [REDACTED]
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

N/A

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

N/A

Caroline M. Lobdell



Education

B.S., Business Administration, 1996

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (South Carolina Honors College)

Majors: Marketing, Risk Management/Economic Security

Numerous Departmental Honors

- Dean's List
- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Who's Who
- Mortar Board Leadership Society
- Marketing Scholars Program (England)
- Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriting Scholarship Award

J.D., December 2002

Northwestern School Of Law, Lewis and Clark College

- Outstanding Oral Advocate Award
- Certificate in Environmental /Natural Resources Law
- Admitted to practice before Oregon State Courts, Washington State Courts, Ninth Circuit Federal District Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of the United States, District of Columbia Courts, District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Class Rank – Top Quintile

Professional Experience

Western Resources Legal Center, Portland, OR

Affiliated with the Northwestern School Of Law, Lewis and Clark College

Executive Director, Staff Counsel, Clinical Law Professor, November 2007-present

- Build pioneering legal program from ground level to nationally recognized program
- Handle all aspects of non-profit education program, including program development, fundraising, and implementation
- Develop legal curriculum (three classes) for legal education program focused on teaching complex litigation practical skills and legal ethics
- Represent natural resource dependent entities (ranchers, farmers, mining operators, and timber companies) in legal matters at administrative hearings, district court, state court, and appellate levels
- Independently manage and handle all aspects of litigation and representation of organization's clients

- Advise the Board of Directors on and develop organizational employment policies and benefit programs
- Teach law students substantive environmental/natural resources law, (primary subject areas include: agricultural law, forestry, mining, water law, administrative law, federal Indian law and federal civil procedure)
- Teach law students practical legal skills (subject areas include: legal ethics, complex litigation, environmental/natural resources law, water law, federal civil procedure, legal writing, federal and state appellate procedure, and administrative law and procedure)
- Supervise multiple academic papers and externships in areas addressing agricultural, mining, and timber issues (frequent topics include: ESA, NEPA, CWA, FLPMA, NFMA, and APA and Federal Indian Law)
- Prepare lectures, exercises, study aids and teaching modules
- Speak on behalf of organization and present legal issues to various industry and academic groups
- Develop, implement and maintain corporate policies and procedures
- Adjunct Professor at Lewis and Clark Law School
- 2012 Appointment to the Lewis and Clark Law School Board of Visitors (Advisory Council to the Dean)
- Recipient of 2011 “Top Industry Promoter Award” (Oregon Cattlemen’s Association)
- Recipient of 2012 “Service to Agriculture Award” (Oregon Women for Agriculture)
- 2013 Summer Visiting Law Professor, “Strategies & Innovations to Strengthen Indian Children & Families”
- 2013-2017 Native American Student Association Moot Court Clinical Law Professor
- 2015 Summer Visiting Law Professor, “Family Law In Indian Country”

Hoffman Hart & Wagner, Portland, OR
Associate, January 2006 – August 2007

- Specialized in the legal defense of physicians, nurses, and healthcare entities in matters involving regulatory compliance, employment law, workers’ compensation, general liability, antitrust, risk management, business transactions, products liability, administrative law, and professional liability
- Developed healthcare policies and procedures, bylaws, and contracts
- Negotiated on behalf of and advised physicians regarding credentials, fee schedules and business transactions
- Represented clients in depositions, oral arguments, trial, and written pleadings both in federal and state courts
- Represented municipal clients in matters involving torts and employment matters

Keating Jones Bildstein & Hughes, Portland, OR

Associate, July, 2002 - December 2005

- Specialized in the legal defense of physicians, nurses, hospitals, and lawyers
- Prepared complex litigation cases for all phases of trial and post-trial
- Represented clients in depositions, oral arguments, trial, and written pleadings
- Prepared appellate briefs for 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
- Represented nurses and physicians before licensing Boards
- Litigated and second chaired multiple medical malpractice trials

Sheridan Levine LLP, Lake Oswego, OR

Law Clerk, 2002–2003

- Defended employers and insurers in matters involving workers' compensation and employment law, including representing clients at numerous administrative hearings
- Prepared cases for presentation at administrative hearings
- Researched and drafted Workers' Compensation Board briefs and Court of Appeals briefs

Nationwide Insurance Companies, (Gates McDonald), Portland, OR

Senior Claims Adjuster, 1999 – 2002

- Resolved, managed, and investigated workers' compensation and subrogation liability for advanced, complex, and high exposure risk accounts and claims, including coverage issues
- Analyzed and negotiated legal liability on behalf of self-insured accounts
- Set monetary reserves
- Provided risk management recommendations to various clients
- Negotiated and settled high exposure claims

Liberty Mutual Group, Oklahoma City, OK

Case Manager, 1996-1998

- Resolved, managed, and investigated workers' compensation and subrogation claims
- Analyzed and negotiated legal liability on behalf of insureds
- Evaluated and executed proper monetary reserves and assessed potential liabilities

U.S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Columbia, SC

Senate Staff Assistant, 1995-1996

- Handled insurance, disability, and Internal Revenue Cases
- Researched various legislative issues

U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, D.C. -

Fellow, 1995

- Prepared briefing memoranda on variety of federal issues to Staff Counsels
- Conducted extensive research in federal legislation (antitrust, insurance, trade, products liability, environmental science, HIPAA)