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Professional Experience

Founding Member, Maguire & Pearce, PLLC

2006-Present

- Provides legal and public policy advice related to the development, use, management, and conservation of surface and groundwater in Arizona and the greater Southwest
- Arbitrated a multi-million dollar water supply and pricing dispute in Southern California
- Provides expert witness services on water management and policy issues
- Clients include municipalities, private water companies, mining companies, real estate developers, utilities, and international businesses in matters involving state and federal water rights and management, utility and environmental laws, and the associated administrative regulations

President and CEO, Arizona Center for Public Policy

2002-2006

- Managed research and administrative staff with \$1 million-plus budget
- Edited and reviewed all research publications; subjects included public education, fiscal policy, immigration, governance, healthcare, and natural resource issues
- Authored ACPP's natural resource publications
- Developed community support for ACPP
- Hosted symposiums in partnership with the Arizona Republic on water management, immigration, bilingual education, and healthcare issues

Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

1993-2001

- Served under two governors
- Managed 200+ person state agency with \$21 million annual budget
- As director, represented the state in all interstate and federal negotiations related to the Colorado River, developed the Arizona Water Bank Authority, published Management Plans for the state's AMAs, promulgated the Assured Water Supply Rules, updated and expanded the Groundwater Recharge Statutes, developed CAP M&I Subcontracts Transfer Policy for Arizona's Colorado River entitlement, served as state's lead negotiator for the Gila River Indian Community Settlement

- Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor J. Fife Symington** **1991-1993**
- Oversaw the operation of ten executive branch agencies in Arizona including the Department of Water Resources, Department of Environmental Quality, Land Department, Parks Department, and Game and Fish Department
 - Successfully negotiated the settlement of litigation involving ENSCO's hazardous waste facility
 - Provided legal and strategic advice to the Governor regarding executive branch operations
- Associate Attorney, Snell & Wilmer** **1988-1991**
- Legal practice areas included natural resources, environmental, public utilities, and administrative law
 - Represented clients in major industries before federal and state regulatory agencies
- Arizona State Senate, Research Analyst, Commerce and Labor Committee** **1981-1985**
- Researched and wrote legislation amending Arizona statutes governing banking, mining, insurance, real estate, workers' compensation, occupational licensing, and residential and commercial contracting
 - Regularly testified before Senate and House Standing Committees and briefed elected officials and members of the press
- Indonesian Crude Oil Supply Coordinator, Conoco, Inc.** **1979-1981**
- Directed the allocation of Conoco's crude oil production in Indonesia
 - Completed two-year executive development program

Education

- Bachelor of Science, Arizona State University, cum laude, 1977
 Master of Business Administration, Arizona State University, magna cum laude, 1979
 Juris Doctor, Arizona State University, 1988
- O'Connor Cavanaugh Outstanding Advocate Award
 - International Moot Court Team and National Moot Court Team
 - Outstanding First-Year Law Student Award

Awards and Honors

- Awarded AV-Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- 2016 Recipient of the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Distinguished Service Award
- Awarded Southwest Super Lawyer, 2010 through 2016
- International Who's Who of Environment Lawyers, 2010 through 2016
- 2012 Arizona Cactus-Pine Council's "Women of Distinction"
- ASU College of Law, Outstanding Alumnus, 2001
- Public Service Recognition Award, Arizona Cotton Growers Association, 2001
- Outstanding Natural Resources Leader, Western States Water Council, 2000
- Young American Political Leadership Award, 1998

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Arizona, Member, Environmental and Natural Resources Section
American Bar Association, Water Resources Committee

Member, National Academies of Science, Water Science and Technology Board
Member, Colorado River Advisory Committee
Research Committee Member, Arizona Town Hall

Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Board Member
Arizona Women's Forum, Past President
Natural Heritage Institute, Board Member
Republican Precinct Committeewoman
Executive Business Women, Past President

Research Publications, Reports, and Briefs

- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2014. *Strategy Water Planning for the 21st Century*. Arizona Town Hall Annual Meeting, June 2014.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2013. *What does the USBOR Colorado River Basin Study mean for the Lower Colorado River Basin?* CLE International, Arizona Water Law Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2011. *Challenging Arizona's Biggest Water Myths*. CLE International, Arizona Water Law Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2011. *Can We Afford To Produce Solar Energy in Arizona?* CLE International, Law of the Colorado River Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2010. *Transforming the Operation and Management of the Colorado River to Meet the Demands of the 21st Century*. CLE International, Law of the Colorado River Conference, Reno, NV.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2009. *Out-of-the-Box Thinking has become Mainstream on the Mainstem*. CLE International, Law of the Colorado River Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2009. *Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Opportunities and Challenges*. American Bar Association, 27th Annual Water Law Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2008. *Environmental and Economic Pressures on Public Water Supplies*. American Bar Association, 26th Annual Water Law Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2007. *Meeting Water Needs across State Lines*. Western Water Magazine.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2007. *Patching the Holes in the Bucket: Safe Yield and the Future of Water Management in Arizona*. Arizona Law Review.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson, Herb Dishlip, and Michael Pearce. 2005. *An Analysis of the Water Budgets of Buckeye, Payson and Prescott Valley*. Arizona Center for Public Policy.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2005. *How can scientific research be more effectively integrated into public policymaking?* U.S. National Academies of Sciences, *Strengthening Science-Based Decision-Making for Agricultural Water Management*.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2005. *The Effects of Drought on Lower Colorado River Basin Operations*. Southwest Hydrology. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.
- Maguire, Rita Pearson and Lora M. Villasenor. 2005. *Ten Steps to Address a Rural Water Shortage. Based on Chapter Ten, Towards a Sustainable Water Supply: Tools, Opportunities and Considerations*. 85th Arizona Town Hall on Arizona's Water Future, Grand Canyon, Arizona. Arizona Center for Public Policy.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2004. *The Role of Science in Groundwater Management in Arizona*. The National Academies Press. U.S. National Academies of Sciences, *Strengthening Science-Based Decision Making in Developing Countries*.

Maguire, Rita Pearson and Katherine L. Jacobs. 2004. *Towards a Sustainable Water Supply: Tools and Opportunities*. 85th Arizona Town Hall on Arizona's Water Future: Challenges and Opportunities, Chapter Ten. Grand Canyon, Arizona. Arizona Town Hall.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2004. *Surface and Groundwater Management in Arizona*. Policy Brief, Vol. 2 No 3. Arizona Center for Public Policy.

Maguire, Rita Pearson, Shirley M. Gunther, Joseph C. Smith, and Lora M. Villasenor. 2003. *Making Sense of the State Budget*. Policy Brief, Vol. 1 No 1. Arizona Center for Public Policy.

Selected Professional Presentations and Testimony

Opening Speaker, CLE International, Law of the Colorado River Conference, May 13, 2010 in Reno, NV.

Opening Speaker, CLE International, Law of the Colorado River Conference, June 18, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ.

Panel Participant and Presenter, ABA Annual Water Conference, *Aquifer Storage and Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges*, February 19-20, 2009 in San Diego, CA.

Panel Moderator and Presenter, ABA Annual Water Conference, *Environmental and Economic Pressure on Public Water Supplies*, February 21-22, 2008 in San Diego, CA.

Panel Moderator, *Arizona Immigration Forum*, sponsored by the Arizona Center for Public Policy and The Arizona Republic, October 19, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.

Panelist and Presenter, *Strengthening Science-Based Decision-Making for Agricultural Water Management*, international conference sponsored by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and The Tunisian National Institute of Scientific and Technology Research, June 4-9, 2005 in Tunis, Tunisia.

Panel Moderator, the *Water Conservation Forum*, sponsored by the Arizona Center for Public Policy and The Arizona Republic, January 7, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.

Panelist and Presenter, *The Role of Science in Groundwater Management in the U.S.*, international conference sponsored by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, February 8-10, 2004 in Merida, Mexico.

Moderator and Presenter, *Defining the Role of the Secretary of Interior*, U.S. Department of Interior, Water 2025 Conference, June 2003 in Denver, CO.

Facilitator, international water workshop for the United Nations, Commission for Environmental Cooperation created by Canada, Mexico, and the United States under the North American Agreement for Environmental Cooperation, February, 2002 in Toronto, Canada.

Testified and submitted written testimony to the U.S. House and Senate Natural Resources Committees on Sierra Club's proposal to tear down Glen Canyon Dam, March 1998.

Selected Commentary and Opinion

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2006. *State voters must weigh property trade-offs in Prop. 207.* The Arizona Republic, October 22, Viewpoints.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2005. *Forum shines light on migration issue.* The Arizona Republic, October 23, Viewpoints.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2004. *What does the passage of Proposition 200 mean?* KJJZ, Hear and Now.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2004. *A race against Mother Nature.* The Arizona Republic, July 25, Viewpoints.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2004. *Lack of cooperation will leave us high, dry.* The Arizona Republic, July 18, Viewpoints.

Maguire, Rita Pearson. 2003. *Consensus on water issues gains momentum in state.* The Arizona Republic, July 12, Viewpoints.

Quoted in the New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times, and the Las Vegas Review Journal.