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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member, Rita P. Maguire, Attorney at Law, PLLC

April 2020-Present

- Provides legal representation and public policy advice related to the development, use, management, and conservation of surface and groundwater in Arizona and California to a select number of clients; assists clients with permitting and compliance issues under numerous state and federal environmental programs; represents clients in Indian water rights settlements and other complex water litigation; drafts major water resources legislation and advises legislative leadership and governor on such legislation
- Legal counsel to the Arizona Department of Water Resources including multi-state representation before the Supreme Court of the United States, 9th Circuit Federal Court and Federal District Court in Colorado River litigation
- Member, Board of Directors, Taseko Mines Limited

Member, Maguire, Pearce, & Storey, PLLC

2007-2020

- Provided legal and public policy advice related to the development, use, management, and conservation of Colorado River water, surface and groundwater in Arizona and the greater Southwest; represents clients before state and federal natural resource agencies including the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Arizona Departments of Water Resources and Environmental Quality, State Land Department, and Arizona Corporation Commission
- General Counsel, Florence Copper Inc.
- Arbitrated a multi-million-dollar water supply and pricing dispute between Metropolitan Water District and the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians in Southern California
- Provided expert witness services
- Clients included the State of Arizona, 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 five 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 the 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

- Recognized by **Best Lawyers in America** 2019, 2020, 2021
- Awarded **AV-Preminent Rating** by Martindale-Hubbell
- Awarded **Southwest Super Lawyer** since 2010
- **International Who's Who of Environment Lawyers**, 2010 through 2019
- Awarded **Michael J. Brophy Distinguished Service Award** in 2016
- Awarded Arizona Cactus-Pine Council's 2012 "**Woman 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

- Admitted, **Supreme Court of the United States**
- Admitted, **Federal Bar, 9th Circuit**
- Member, **Arizona State Bar**
- Member, **State Bar Environmental & Natural Resources Section**
- Board Member, **Taseko Mines Ltd.**
- Board Member, **Arizona Chamber of Commerce**
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee, **UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall Law School**
- Former Board Member, **AZ Cactus-Pine Girl Scouts**
- Past President, **Arizona Women's Forum**
- Subcommittee on Water & Science, **National Academies of Science**

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND BRIEFS

- Maguire, Rita Pearson, 2020. *Groundwater Recharge for Water Security: The Arizona Water Bank*, Contributing Author, Boalt Hall Law School, University of California, Berkeley.
- 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

Speaker, Environmental Professionals of Arizona, December 9, 2021, *Surface and Groundwater Management in Arizona*

Speaker, Arizona Forward, November 18, 2021, *Water Challenges Facing the Colorado River Basin*

Speaker, Arizona State Bar Convention, June 16, 2021, *Colorado River Water – Public Resource or Commodity*

Speaker, CLE International, Law of the Colorado River, March 22, 2021, *Transfers of Colorado River Water to Central Arizona*

Moderator, Arizona State Chamber of Commerce, July 10, 2020, Panel discussion of Trump Administration's newly published *Waters of the U.S. Rule*

Speaker, Annual Conference of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona, June 19, 2020, *The Road Travelled*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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