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Sara Gersen Resume

# SARA GERSEN

## Education

### **University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall)**

J.D., May 2010, Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law

Bar admissions: California; Colorado

*Honors:*

- Winner, 2010 NYU Environmental Law Essay Contest
- Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law (Fall 2009)

*Activities:*

- California Law Review (Notes & Comments Editor)
- Teaching Assistant, Environmental Law Writing Seminar (Fall 2009)

### **Williams College**

B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science, June 2005

## Experience

### **Eartjustice, Los Angeles, CA**

*Clean Energy Senior Attorney (position formerly known as Staff Attorney)*

Summer 2017 – Present

*Clean Energy Associate Attorney*

Winter 2014 – Summer 2017

Participate in rate cases before Nevada, New Mexico, and California regulatory commissions. Drafted successful motions to dismiss utility proposals to raise rates on customers with rooftop solar. Develop expert testimony, cross-examine witnesses, and draft post-hearing briefs. Draft comments in rulemaking proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission and participate in working groups on distributed energy resources. Contributed to Supreme Court amicus brief defending a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rule.

### **Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder, CO**

*Contract Attorney*

Fall 2014 – Winter 2014

Drafted comments on proposed Environmental Protection Agency rules for emissions from existing, modified, and reconstructed power plants. Contributed to litigation in defense of EPA's authority to finalize these rules.

### **Colorado Supreme Court, Denver, CO**

*Judicial Law Clerk for Justice Gregory Hobbs*

Fall 2013 – Fall 2014

Drafted judicial opinions, memoranda on petitions for certiorari, and pre-argument memoranda. Attended oral argument. Supported Justice Hobbs in inter-chambers negotiations. Supervised legal interns.

### **Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder, CO**

*Climate and Clean Air Legal Fellow*

Spring 2012 – Fall 2013

*Temporary Attorney*

Winter 2012 – Spring 2012

Contributed to state and federal litigation in defense of greenhouse gas regulations by drafting memoranda, affidavits, and sections of briefs. Contributed to comments on EPA's proposed emissions standards for power plants and the oil and gas sector. Developed expertise on AB 32, the dormant Commerce Clause, and the Clean Air Act.

### **Environmental Law Institute, Washington, DC**

*Public Interest Law Fellow*

Fall 2010 – Fall 2011

Researched and drafted reports on coal subsidies, the regulation of wind power siting, and the legal framework for coastal habitat restoration. Drafted manual on alternative dispute resolution for environmental justice communities.

### **Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, San Francisco, CA**

*Law Clerk*

Spring 2010

Researched a variety of local government, land use and environmental law questions. Wrote detailed memoranda on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Indian water rights.

### **Earthjustice, Oakland, CA**

*Law Clerk*

Summer 2009

Investigated cases involving environmental review of projects with significant climate impacts. Drafted legal memoranda on preliminary injunctions, the Endangered Species Act, attorneys' fees, CEQA, and judicial notice.

### **California Department of Justice, Oakland, CA**

*Law Clerk, Environment & Natural Resources Sections*

Summer 2008

Drafted legal memoranda on issues relating to easements, the right to a jury, CEQA, and intervention procedure.