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## **BRIAN S. BIERING**

### **PROFESSIONAL:**

**Partner and Owner** - Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P., Sacramento (2008-present)

Manage finances and marketing and supervise other attorneys and staff. Represent a range of clients on environmental, regulatory and compliance matters before the California Air Resources Board, California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, and the California Independent System Operator. Lead the firm's practice on greenhouse gas regulatory and compliance issues, including implementation issues and defending enforcement actions under the State's greenhouse gas laws. Represent clients in the Long Term Procurement Planning Process and the Integrated Resource Planning process. Negotiate power purchase agreements and assist with transmission and wholesale distribution interconnections and merchant transmission projects. Counsel on permitting and CEQA/NEPA compliance. Provide regulatory due-diligence associated with project sales or acquisitions and project financing efforts. Review and develop legislative language.

**Commissioner** - City of Sacramento Utility Rate Advisory Commission, Sacramento (2014-present).

Review finances of City Department of Utilities, hold rate hearings, and provide recommendations on rate proposals to City Council.

**Judicial Extern** - U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, Chambers of the Honorable Ann Aiken, Eugene (2007)

Researched and drafted opinions for the Judge and staff attorneys.

**Law Clerk** - Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento (2007)

Drafted legal memoranda and motions; primary project: assisted in drafting a brief in a CEQA lawsuit on behalf of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

**Law Clerk** - California Energy Commission, Sacramento (2006)

Assisted Energy Commission attorneys and executive staff by drafting legal memoranda and legislative analyses.

**Executive Fellow** - California Resources Agency and the California Energy Commission, Sacramento (2004-2005)

Assigned to the Chairman of the California Energy Commission, Joe Desmond; conducted policy analysis regarding greenhouse gas, liquefied natural gas, renewable energy, transmission development, biofuels/biomass and energy agency reorganization.

**Student Intern** - U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section, Washington D.C. (2003)

Assisted in discovery of several environmental lawsuits.

**Student Intern** – California State Senate, Senator Nell Soto, Sacramento (2003)

Conducted legislative analysis; primary project: perchlorate pollution bill authored by Senator Soto.

**Teen Counselor** – Teen Health Education Center of San Luis Obispo County, San Luis Obispo (1997-2000)

Provided reproductive health seminars for other teenagers, performed certain lab duties at a clinic run by the County, and counseled individual teens on reproductive health issues.

### **PROFESSIONAL & TRADE ORGANIZATIONS:**

State Bar of California (admitted 2008)  
American Bar Association  
Sacramento County Bar Association  
Commissioner, Sacramento Utility Rate Advisory Commission  
VITA - U.S. I.R.S. – Volunteer Income Tax Assessors

### **HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

A.B.A. Moot Court Competition – Negotiation: Winning team at the University of Oregon and placed in the North-western A.B.A. Regional Negotiation Competition (2005).

*Massachusetts v. EPA*: Rescuing Icarus with Environmental Federalism, Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation, co-authored with Raymond A. Biering (cite: 23 J. Env'tl. L. Litig. 35; [http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/231/23\\_35.pdf](http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/231/23_35.pdf)) (2007).

Monthly Articles Contributor, California Water Law & Policy Reporter (a monthly periodical published by Argent Communications Group) (2007).

**EDUCATION:**

- J.D. University of Oregon, 2008**  
Editor, Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation (2006-2008)  
Moot Court, Negotiation Competition winner (2005)
- B.S. University of California Davis, with honors, 2004**  
Managerial Economics