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## **BRIAN S. BIERING**

### **PROFESSIONAL:**

**Partner** – Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P.; Sacramento (2008 – present)

Specializing in energy and natural resources law, with an emphasis on permitting, greenhouse gas regulation, and the California Renewable Portfolio Standard.

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

Researched, conducted legal analysis, and prepared draft opinions for the Judge and staff attorneys.

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

Drafted legal memorandum 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 legislative analyses.

**Executive Fellow** – California Resources Agency and the California Energy Commission, Sacramento (2004-05)

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.

**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. Envtl. L. Litig. 35; available at: [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 (2006-08)
- Moot Court, Negotiation Competition winner (2005)

**B.S. University of California Davis, with honors, 2004**  
Managerial Economics