

ELIZABETH P. EWENS

PROFESSIONAL:

Partner – Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P., Sacramento (2007-present)

Specializes in water resources law with an emphasis on the preservation and defense of water rights and water right management. Experience includes representing public agencies, State Water Project contractors, and individuals in complex water resource litigation in the western United States involving both surface and groundwater rights. Her practice includes the representation of clients in state and federal administrative, trial court and appellate proceedings.

Partner – McQuaid, Bedford & Van Zandt, LLP, San Francisco, California
(August 2000 - May 2008)

Primary practice focused on water resources litigation at the administrative, trial court, and appellate levels. Served as counsel to major irrigation district, in addition to individual irrigators and ranchers, in cases involving water right adjudications and transfers, and in the defense of historic water rights. Practice included significant appellate experience, including three cases before the Idaho Supreme Court arising out of the Snake River Basin Adjudication and two petitions for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. Beyond the water rights practice, served as outside general corporate counsel in a broad range of matters including the development of company policies and contracts, legislative reform, employment disputes, and risk management.

Attorney – Lindsey & Bruce, P.C., Denver, Colorado (Previously Anest, Rolfe, Baca & Bruce, P.C.) (March 1996 – May 2000)

Practice focused on general civil litigation, with an emphasis on real property and employment litigation. Significant litigation experience relating to discovery, law and motion practice, and trials.

Attorney – Montgomery, Little & McGrew, P.C., Greenwood Village, Colorado (November 1994 – February 1996)

Served as counsel to clients in district court and administrative proceedings. Focused on real property, labor and employment matters, ERISA litigation, and contract disputes.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL WATER LAW CONFERENCE
Moderator, ABA Water Resources Conference

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)
Speaker, ACWA Spring Conference, Groundwater Adjudications in the Age of
Sustainable Groundwater Management

CALIFORNIA CLUBS OF DISTINCTION
Contributing Author and Speaker

CALIFORNIA WATER LAW AND POLICY
Contributing Author

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE BAR (CEB)
Speaker, Wine Law Forum, California Water Rights in Time of Drought

IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
Conference Speaker

LORMAN EDUCATION SERVICE
Speaker, Water Rights and Policy; Fundamentals and Critical Issues

NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE
Speaker, Stormwater Compliance

PUBLISHED DECISIONS:

Joyce Livestock v. United States, 144 Idaho 1 (2007)
LU Ranching v. United States, 144 Idaho 89 (2007)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Chair, Water Resources Conference Planning Committee, 2008-09
Vice Chair, Water Resources Committee, July 2006-present
Member, Water Resources Conference Planning Committee, February 2004-present
Vice Chair and Co-Chair of ABA Water Resources Conference, 2008-09
Vice Chair (Special Appointment), Sponsorship, 2009-present
Vice Chair, Editor, *Year In Review*, 2010-present

BAR ADMISSIONS:

STATE:

Colorado (1994); California (2001); Nevada (2006)

FEDERAL:

United States Supreme Court;

United States Court of Federal Claims;

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth and Tenth Circuits;

United States District Court, District of Colorado, District of Nevada, Northern District of California, Eastern District of California

EDUCATION:

J.D. University of California, Davis, 1994

B.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1991
History, English Minor