

PETER J. KIEL

PROFESSIONAL:

Partner – Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P., Sacramento (2004-present)

Specializes in water and natural resources law, with an emphasis in California water right permitting and litigation and water policy and legislation. Regularly practices before the State Water Resources Control Board in matters pertaining to water right permitting, water transfers, and enforcement and compliance. Assists electric generating facilities to acquire and maintain water supplies. Provides regulatory permitting advice to vineyards in Napa, Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Defends Endangered Species Act citizen suits. Extensive experience in California Environmental Quality Act compliance. Advocates before administrative and legislative bodies on behalf of water users concerning water policy and legislation.

Associate – Stoel Rives LLP, San Francisco, California (2002-04)

Law Clerk – Stoel Rives LLP, a combination with Washburn, Briscoe & McCarthy PC (2001-2002)

Law Clerk – Office of the Attorney General of California, Land Law Section (2000)

Consultant – Natural Heritage Institute, Berkeley, California (2000-02)

Environmental Scientist – CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Sacramento, California (1997- 99)

HONORS:

“Northern California Rising Stars” (2009-15), *California Super Lawyers* magazine.

“Top Lawyers List,” Environmental (2015) *Sacramento Magazine*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Reporter: California water resources for the American Bar Association Natural Resources Section Annual Publication, “Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law – Year-In-Review.”

Speaker: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conferences, The Center for State and Local Government Law, Continuing Education of the Bar, Groundwater Resources Association of California, UC Hastings College of the Law, North Coast Wine Industry EXPO, Sonoma County Winegrape Commission, and other conferences addressing California water resource and wine industry issues.

Publication: “Banking Groundwater in California: Who Owns the Aquifer Storage Space?”, 18 Natural Resources & Environment, No. 2 at 25 (2003).

PROFESSIONAL AND TRADE ORGANIZATIONS:

State Bar of California, admitted 2002

Groundwater Resources Association of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

EDUCATION:

J.D. University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2002

B.S. University of California, Berkeley (*with Honors*), 1997