

## **HOLLY GENEVA STOUT, ESQ.**

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### **EDUCATION**

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont; LLM in Environmental Law (focus on Energy Law and Policy), May 2014, *summa cum laude*

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California; Juris Doctor, May 1997  
*California Regulatory Law Reporter*, Contributor, Fall 1995 - Summer 1996

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California; Bachelor of Arts, Government, 1994  
-- Dean's List, 1992-1994

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### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Department of Water Resources**, Sacramento, California.

October 2015 – present

*Attorney IV*: Agency attorney assigned to represent the California Water Commission at public meetings and as it implements regulations to administer the Water Storage Investment Program, a \$2.7 billion bond passed by the voters in 2014. Drafted regulatory language to implement the Water Storage Investment Program. Work with other state agencies to ensure the WSIP Program continues to be implemented in accordance with statutory directives. Advise staff throughout the development and implementation of the proposed regulations, and coordinate with stakeholders addressing third-party concerns with implementation of the program. Draft legal memoranda on issues of concern. Ensure the regulations adopted by the Commission are legally enforceable and reflect the policies of the Commission. Also represent the Commission during monthly open meetings, *ad hoc* workshops and other public meetings to ensure the Commission follows the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

#### **Vermont Law School**, South Royalton, Vermont.

September 2014 – present

*Adjunct Faculty*. Teach “Climate Change, Extinction and Adaptation” in the Distance Learning Program, including regular updates to the class to ensure current information about the interactions between species, conservation efforts, government agencies and business interests are all represented. Students are either in the Masters of Environmental Law and Policy program or in the LLM program.

#### **California Air Resources Board**, Sacramento, California.

January 2009 – October 2015

*Attorney III*: Agency attorney assigned to California’s first-in-the-nation comprehensive emissions cap-and-trade program.

- Drafted regulatory language, advised staff throughout the development of the proposal and supporting documentation, and coordinating with stakeholders to address third-party concerns with program implementation.
- Worked with the California Attorney General to defend challenges to the offsets provisions of the cap-and-trade program.
- Regularly briefed Chair Mary Nichols on developments to the cap-and-trade program.
- Ensured adoptions of regulations and amendments meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Ensured that CARB’s state public policies were reflected in legally enforceable and supportable regulations.

- Consulted with other agencies (California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission and California Independent System Operator) to ensure the impact of the cap- and-trade program does not negatively affect energy supply in California.
- CARB legal representative to the Western Climate Initiative (WCI), which worked to create a cap-and-trade program for the Western United States and four Canadian provinces. Issues addressed within WCI include incorporation of a non-profit entity, procurement, jurisdictional issues as well as policy issues related to the legal obstacles of both United States and Canadian laws.
- Worked to link with other jurisdictions implementing cap-and-trade programs, including drafting agreements for information exchange and linking terms and conditions, and confer with other subnational jurisdiction counsel to evaluate potential linkage with the cap-and- trade program, including sector-based offset credits.
- Primary legal counsel reviewing offset protocols, including implementation and adoption of new compliance offset protocols.
- Worked extensively with staff to draft regulations and the staff report supporting recovering monies spent by CARB to implement AB 32 through the administrative fee regulations. Participate in workshops and hearings to address legal issues related to regulations.

**Office of Administrative Law**, Sacramento, California.

May 2006 – December 2008

*Staff Counsel:* Reviewed proposed amendments, adoptions and repeals of regulations for compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for all California agencies, including the California Air Resources Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Corrections and many others. Reviewed proposed amendments, adoptions and repeals of regulations for clarity, necessity, authority, and non-duplication of existing regulations consistent with the California Administrative Procedure Act. Communicated with state agencies regarding deficiencies in filing and writing disapproval decisions.

**Banks & Watson**, Sacramento, California.

January 2003 – September 2005

*Associate:* Represented clients in a general practice civil firm. Drafted motions, appellate briefs and other pleadings. Analyzed CEQA issues related to a school district reorganization. Drafted memoranda regarding various legal issues, including the impacts of courts of other jurisdictions' decisions on pending cases in California.

**Panattoni Law Firm** (a “captive law firm” to Panattoni Development), Sacramento, California.

June 2001 – July 2002

*Staff Counsel:* Represented national commercial development company that builds “big box” shipping warehouses and office buildings. Analyzed complex business arrangements. Drafted limited liability company and co-tenancy agreements and underlying documents. Researched tax implications of multi-state business operations.

**KSL Recreation Corporation**, (now KSL Resorts, Inc.) (a Kohlberg, Kravis & Roberts Affiliate)

La Quinta, California.

April 1999 – June 2001

*Assistant Counsel:* In-house corporate counsel for owner/operator of multiple four and five star resorts. Evaluated contracts of potential acquisition properties for terms and conditions related to transfer of the property to the company. Negotiated a variety of contracts between vendors and corporate departments for major equipment purchases and deliveries, including contracts in excess of \$250,000. Also negotiated third party real property leasing agreements and license agreements, including software license agreements. Drafted standard form agreements for group activities at the properties. Conducted training of employees to comply with the contract process for the company. Coordinated settlement negotiations with public interest groups and other litigants. Also responsible

for overseeing litigation initiated by the corporation to protect its interests.