LORI HOUCK CORA

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 1991 to present
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X
Seattle, Washington

Since 1991, I have worked as an EPA Regional attorney practicing federal environmental and administrative law. I've led multi-disciplinary teams investigating violations of federal law, and seeking solutions to complex environmental problems. Areas of expertise: CERCLA response, particularly large contaminated sediment sites; and CWA counselling and enforcement. I've prosecuted administrative penalty cases under TSCA and the CWA for Section 402 and 404 violations. My most in-depth experience has been in counselling EPA's cleanup program on compliance with CERCLA and NCP requirements, along with translating the substantive requirements of many other federal and state environmental laws as ARARs in to the cleanup process. In the past few years, I have been counselling the Office of Water and Watersheds on 303(d) impairment decisions and successfully defended a judicial challenge to the agency's 2012 approvals of Washington and Oregon's 303(d) lists.

August 1989 – May 1991
Judicial Law Clerk
Hon. Chief Judge George Joseph
Oregon Court of Appeals
Salem, Oregon

Drafted appellate opinions on a variety of Oregon statutory and common law cases. As the law clerk for the Chief Judge, I was responsible for tracking and evaluating proposed legislation that directly or indirectly impacted the Oregon judicial system, and assisted the Chief Judge in commenting and testifying on such legislation.

June 1988 – August 1988
Law Clerk
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X
Seattle, Washington

This was a paid CERCLA clerkship. Drafted legal memoranda on a variety of CERCLA issues.

June 1987 - August 1987
Intern, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.

Conducted legal research on federal and state whistleblower protection and rights.

June 1981 – July 1986 – Paralegal for two Washington, D.C. law firms

Admitted to practice in Oregon (currently inactive) and Washington

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of Law
J.D., (b) (6)

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George Washington University
Post-baccalaureate Paralegal Certificate, (b) (6)

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
B.A., History, (b) (6)