

# Sharon Buccino



## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, Washington, DC

#### **Director, Land and Wildlife Program**

**2004- present**

Manage twenty-five professional staff ♦ Develop strategy and vision for program ♦ Establish and implement annual program priorities and benchmarks for success ♦ Oversee annual program budget ♦ Build and motivate teams to secure results ♦ Supervise federal court litigation regarding energy development on public lands ♦ Advance conservation and sustainable energy policies with Administration and Congressional leaders.

#### **Senior Attorney**

**1998-2004**

Led coalition of national and local non-profits to promote and defend the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ♦ Participated in Council on Environmental Quality NEPA roundtables ♦ Testified before House Energy and Commerce Committee on NEPA and energy project permitting ♦ Directed successful litigation to obtain release of Cheney Energy Task Force papers pursuant to Freedom of Information Act

#### **Legislative Counsel**

**1995-1998**

Lobbied Congressional staff and administration officials to defend and build upon public health and public land protections ♦ Testified before Senate Budget Committee and Senate Governmental Affairs Committee regarding unfunded mandates legislation ♦ Spearheaded campaign, including D.C. advocacy and grassroots organizing, to defeat anti-environmental riders proposed in budget bills ♦ Advised NRDC staff regarding legal restrictions on lobbying and electioneering ♦ Provided expert commentary on environmental legislation for print, radio and TV, including NPR, CNN, and CSPAN

#### **Staff Attorney**

**1993-1995**

Briefed and argued challenge to U.S. EPA sanctions policy under the Clean Air Act (CAA) in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ♦ Advocated before Washington Council of Metropolitan Governments for transportation projects that complied with the CAA and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ♦ Advised local advocates in Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities on CAA transportation conformity requirements

**POWELL, GOLDSTEIN, FRAZER & MURPHY, Washington, DC**

**Associate**

**1991-1993**

Concentrated in litigation and transactions involving environmental, low-income housing, and real estate issues ♦ Successfully defended Connecticut municipalities in Superfund litigation ♦ Served as *pro bono* counsel to D.C. Historic Preservation League ♦ Brought successful appeal before D.C. Office of Regulatory Affairs and D.C. Court of Appeals challenging landowner's failure to maintain historic building

**ALASKA SUPREME COURT, Anchorage, AK**

**Judicial Clerk**

**1990-1991**

Provided research and wrote draft opinions for Justice Allen T. Compton

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT, STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

**Research Assistant to Director**

**Spring 1990**

Wrote manual describing the federal, state and local environmental regulations that affect Stanford University's laboratories

**OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, San Francisco, CA**

**Legal Fellow**

**Fall 1989**

Worked with Land Use Section on eminent domain, zoning and economic development issues ♦ Wrote sections of trial and appellate briefs ♦ Advised Real Estate and Planning Departments

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, CA**

**Research Assistant**

**Academic year, 1988-89**

Researched developments in takings law and other land use issues

**EDUCATION/ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctor, 1990

YALE UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts, 1987

*Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Admitted to California Bar, 1990; District of Columbia Bar, 1992.

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

VOLUNTEER COACH, Basketball, Arlington County Parks and Recreation (2007-present)

BOARD MEMBER, Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association (2016-17)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Buccino, Sharon. "Why Monuments Matter" (April 25, 2017)

Buccino, Sharon. "Held in Trust: Decisions We Make Now about Our Federal Fossil Fuels Shape Today and Tomorrow" (March 15, 2016).

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Buccino, Sharon. "Environmental Policy Battles in the Congressional Budget Process: The 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, Back-Door Assault," 27 *Env'tl L. Rep.* 10113 (March 1997).

Buccino, Sharon and Judith Tracy. Environmental Regulations Affecting Stanford University Laboratories (Stanford University, Environmental Health and Safety Department: June 1990).

Buccino, Sharon. "Is the Bundle Bigger?: The Legal and Practical Implications of *Nollan v. California Coastal Commission* and *First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale v. County of Los Angeles*," with Bruce Goldstein, 8 Stanford Environmental Law Journal 46 (1989).