

Christopher J. (Bo) Downen

Experience

PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL – Portland, OR – 2006 to present

Senior Policy Analyst

- Develop and advocate organizational positions to regional policy makers
- Manage and direct subject matter expert contractors and contractor budget
- Created and continue to lead technical and policy teams that develop energy efficiency and fish and wildlife related positions
- Represented organization on matters concerning the energy industry's role in affecting climate change and the integration of renewable energy in the electric grid, and coordinated compliance workgroups to assist utility registrations with regional and federal regulatory bodies
- Liaison to member utilities
- Testify to utility positions at meetings of state and regional bodies
- Represent organization and regional utilities to interstate energy planning bodies and national associations advocating on behalf of consumer owned utilities
- Advise and formally present to Executive Board of regional utility managers on energy and environmental issues
- Co-founded an innovative group of Tribal sovereigns, federal and state agencies, and electric utilities to work toward consensus on funding for environmental projects

MICHAEL J. MADIGAN, SPEAKER OF ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –
Springfield, IL - 2006

Legal Counsel, 94th General Assembly

- Counsel and parliamentarian to the Illinois House of Representatives and House State Government Administration Committee
- Facilitated negotiations between interest groups and legislators
- Managed development of legislation from its creation to its passage into law
- Analyzed and synthesized legislation for committee and floor debate
- Drafted and amended legislation and aided legislators in floor and committee debate
- Composed memoranda regarding the feasibility of proposed legislation for the Speaker

WILLIAM P. HOBGOOD LAW OFFICES – Whitefish, MT – 2005

Law Clerk

- Drafted arbitration decisions related to labor disputes
- Researched case law and statutes for draft decisions

Education

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – Chicago, IL – J.D. May 2004

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY – Washington, D.C. – B.A. May 2000

English Literature Major, Government Minor
Studied junior year in Auckland, New Zealand

Bar Membership

Illinois State Bar

Languages

Native English speaker, conversationally proficient in French