

LOIS J. SCHIFFER

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

January 2017 – present Retired.

Feb. 2010-January 2017 General Counsel
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOAA is a federal agency within the Department of Commerce with responsibility for the National Weather Service, ocean issues, fishery regulation, earth and ocean science, and other issues. The General Counsel's office of 110 lawyers provides legal advice and support and these issues including legal matters at the intersection of science and public policy.

Sept. 2005 –Jan. 2010 General Counsel
National Capital Planning Commission
Washington, DC

NCPC is small federal agency responsible for federal urban planning in the Washington metropolitan area including review of federal and some District of Columbia projects. General Counsel, the sole lawyer, is responsible for a full range of legal issues and compliance matters that face a federal agency, including ethics, FOIA, NEPA, and interpretation of agency statutes.

June 2002 – Sept. 2005 Baach, Robinson & Lewis PLLC (now LewisBaach PLLC).
Washington, D.C.
Partner

Partner in law firm with focus on environmental counseling, litigation, and planning; civil litigation; mediation.

June 2001-April 2002 Senior Vice President for Public Policy
National Audubon Society
Washington, D.C.

January 2001 -
May, 2001 Visiting Professor of Environmental Law
Georgetown University Law Center

September 1993 -
January 2001 Assistant Attorney General
Environment and Natural Resources Division
United States Department of Justice

Head of Division of 700 people (400 lawyers) responsible for litigation on behalf of the United States in federal and some state courts throughout the country in cases related to pollution, public lands and natural resources, wildlife, Indian

issues, and land condemnation. Worked closely with federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Forest Service, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Council on Environmental Quality. Division included six field offices across the country. Coordinated closely with state Attorneys General and United States Attorneys. Participated in government working groups to develop policy related to subject areas affecting the Division, including international environmental issues. Responsible for developing and managing an annual budget of approximately \$98 million. Emphasized excellence in representation and advocacy; established an alternative dispute resolution program and an ethics program in the Division; substantially improved environmental crimes program; improved management and coordination across the Division and with other components of the Justice Department. Gave large number of speeches; worked with press office; worked with Congress through giving testimony and providing information related to specific legislation and to oversight functions. Note: After serving from July 1993 as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, I was Acting Assistant Attorney General from September 1993 to October 1994, when I was confirmed by the United States Senate.

October 1989 - Nussbaum & Wald (now LewisBaach, PLLC).
July 1993 Partner

Represented clients in commercial litigation, primarily environmental insurance coverage.

July 1984 - National Public Radio
September 1989 General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

General Counsel for non-profit organization with 300 employees and 300 member stations. Areas of practice included employment law, contract law, trademark and copyright law, non-profit corporation matters, negotiation of contracts with unions, representation of interests related to member stations before the Federal Communications Commission.

January 1978 - Chief, General Litigation Section and
June 1984 Special Litigation Counsel
Land and Natural Resources Division (now ENRD)
United States Department of Justice

As Section Chief, (Jan. 1978-June 1981) managed section of 35 lawyers and related support staff responsible for litigation on behalf of federal agencies in courts throughout the country arising under over 70 statutes related to management of public lands and natural resources, including water adjudications, Forest Service cases, surface mining, certain Indian issues, mineral leasing, inverse condemnation cases, and Alaska matters. As Special Litigation Counsel (June 1981-June 1984) personally handled complex litigation including major Superfund case in Alabama, Indian matters, breach of trust cases related to the Marshall Islands, and a claim for title

to the bed of Utah Lake, before District Courts and Courts of Appeals. Developed legal theories related to Division cases; worked on case settlements.

January 1974 - Staff Attorney, Center for Law and Social Policy
January 1978

Attorney at public interest law firm working primarily on women's rights issues, including litigation, participation before federal agencies, and in coalitions.

September 1971- Leva, Hawes, Symington, Martin & Oppenheimer
January 1974 Associate in Washington, D.C. law firm

June 1970 - United States Court of Appeals for District of Columbia
August 1971 Circuit
Court Law Clerk

August 1969 - Reginald Heber Smith Fellow
May 1970 Boston Legal Assistance Project, Boston, Massachusetts

EDUCATION

Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts - A.B. magna cum laude, 1966

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts - J.D. cum laude, 1969

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Delegate from District of Columbia Bar to American Bar Association House of Delegates, 2002-2007

Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law, Georgetown Univ. Law Center, 1986-2016

Lecturer in Environmental Policy, Semester course, Harvard Law School, 2004

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Member, American Law Institute

Member, American Bar Association and various Sections (formerly member of Council for Section on Environment)

Phi Beta Kappa

I am currently on the Board of International Senior Lawyers Project, and have previously served on numerous non-profit Boards, including the District of Columbia Bar; American

Rivers; American Civil Liberties Union (both National Capital Area Affiliate and National Board); Keystone Center; Audubon Naturalist Society; and D.C. Appleseed.

PUBLICATIONS

List of publications available on request.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to bars of Massachusetts (1969, now inactive), District of Columbia (1971) and a number of federal courts.

AWARDS

Honorary Doctor of Laws, Vermont Law School, May 2017

Edmund G. Randolph Award (Department of Justice)

Charles Fahy Award for Distinguished Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law

Georgetown University Silver Vicennial Medal – awarded 2016 for service through 2007.

Mothers and Daughters of Distinction, National Women's Law Center

Contact information:



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