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## **EDUCATION**

#### STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF LAW

Dean's Scholarship Juris Doctor, May 2004

#### **OXFORD UNIVERSITY**

Hertford College, Oxford, England Associate Law Student, Spring 2004

#### **CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

College of Human Ecology, Ithaca, NY Dean's List Bachelor of Science in Human Development, May 2000

### **LICENSES**

California State Bar – 2005 (First time bar passer)

New York State Bar – 2009 (First time bar passer)

Federal - Southern, Central, Eastern, Northern Districts of California; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Elected Delegate 2017 Swearing In

San Diego Democratic Central Committee

Won most votes in San Diego County out of any Assembly District (23,218 votes). Tasked with serving a term on this governing body of the County Democratic Party as defined in the California Government Code and Elections Code to approve its budget, coordinate campaign activity, and endorse candidates for local office.

Pro Bono Attorney 2016

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

Provided time-sensitive legal advice and assistance to homeless veterans; volunteered at nonprofit clinic to give legal advice on starting and running nonprofit organizations and staying legally compliant.

Attorney 2005 - present

Law Office of Bryan W. Pease

Recognized as San Diego Civil Rights SuperLawyer for 2017. Private attorney general practice focusing on public interest litigation in state court, federal court, and before administrative bodies. Extensive court experience, including trial experience. Significant victories include enforcing federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and City of San Diego ordinances, blocking enforcement of unconstitutional City of San Diego ordinance regarding charitable solicitation, and enforcing free speech rights in over 20 shopping centers throughout the State of California. Conduct pro bono service annually in addition to full-time private practice. Presented on dozens of panels as an expert in public interest litigation, environmental and consumer rights law. Member of Consumer Attorneys of San Diego since 2009 and attend annual Lobby Day in Sacramento.

Board Member 2008 - 2015

#### Ocean Beach People's Co-op

Elected to oversee \$15 million annual budget of vegetarian grocery store owned by over 16,000 members, which is largest employer in Ocean Beach. Helped drafted new bylaws. Selected to represent Board at multiple national conferences, asked to provide trainings and participate in panels on board leadership.

#### Co-Founder and President

2002 - present

Animal Protection and Rescue League

Previously staff and now volunteer coordinating animal protection campaigns. Accomplishments include:

- City of San Diego ban on commercial sale of non-rescue dogs, cats and rabbits in retail pet stores. Drafted portion of enacted ordinance.
- Contributed significantly to the successful passing of California Prop 2 in 2008 (63% of vote), which banned intensive confinement cages on factory farms (cages so small the animals cannot turn around). Personally gathered over 1,500 signatures.
- Helped pass California shark fin ban in 2012.

### Co-Founder and President

2010 - present

APRL Fund

Volunteer position managing nine employees operating a nonprofit thrift store in San Diego, which is the fundraising arm of Animal Protection and Rescue League. Responsible for overseeing all operations.

## Adjunct Professor

2010 - present

California Western School of Law

Asked to teach course on emerging and dynamic field of animal law, involving the complex intersection of property law, contracts, torts, constitutional law, federalism, and international treaties. Received all positive ratings from students and continue to guest lecture in the class.

*Staff Attorney* 2004 – 2006

Seasilver USA, Inc., Carlsbad, CA

Edited promotional materials for compliance with advertising laws, filed and defended lawsuits, reviewed and drafted contracts, and communicated with FTC and FDA staff. Hired as a post-bar, continued as a staff attorney.

## Human Rights Legal Intern

*2001* 

Tompkins County Human Rights Commission

Interviewed witnesses, conducted depositions, and wrote determinations regarding violations of antidiscrimination laws in employment, housing, credit, public accommodation, and educational institutions.

### Legislative Staff Member

2000

Office of New York State Assemblyman Peter Rivera, Albany, NY

Began as intern for course credit and was asked to stay on as paid employee to complete legislative session. Responsibilities included meeting with lobbyists and constituents, communicating with elected officials, drafting and tracking legislation, drafting press releases, and organizing Puerto Rican / Hispanic Task Force conference. Joined Manhattan delegation of elected officials and staff to travel to Vieques, Puerto Rico to investigate human rights abuses by U.S. Navy. Reported investigation results to office.