

Gerry DaRosa

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EXPERIENCE

Director, Energy Innovations (formerly, Director, Climate Neutrality Initiatives), 1/14 to present **Arizona State University (ASU)**, Tempe, AZ

- Champion University's efforts to achieve energy related climate neutrality goals.
- Lead team responsible for evaluating and scoping renewable energy, battery storage, and energy efficiency projects for University operations.
- Work with faculty/scientists to jointly investigate/implement research related energy projects on University facilities/infrastructure.
- Oversee procurement of renewable energy (in conjunction with Purchasing Department).
- Work closely with various University operations to set and achieve other, non-climate sustainability goals.
- Maintain close relationship with utilities in support of various initiatives/projects.
- Work with industry and city representatives on issues common to large energy users.
- Advise senior leadership concerning state and national energy policy.
- Present to public and interested parties regarding energy and sustainability issues.

Associate General Counsel, 3/10 to 1/14 **ASU**, Tempe, AZ

- Provided legal advice concerning renewable and traditional energy matters, including PV and solar thermal projects, biomass projects, electric car charging stations, and utility access.
- Negotiated and/or reviewed contracts, including power purchase, research, consulting, collaboration, student placement, non-disclosure, business associate, and data use agreements; easements; licenses; and real property and equipment leases.
- Advised management and staff concerning a wide variety of regulatory compliance issues relating to HIPAA, environmental health and safety (including asbestos demolition/renovation, bio-safety, and radiation regulation), and FERPA.
- Advised management and staff concerning procurement disputes.

Partner, Counsel, and Associate, 12/00 to 3/10 **Bryan Cave LLP**, Phoenix, AZ

- Counseled clients concerning federal and Arizona environmental laws, including emerging climate change issues, landfill/disposal regulation, air/water quality regulation, CERCLA/WQARF, underground storage tank regulation, NEPA, and federal public land law.
- Negotiated government permits for new and modified facilities and advocated on behalf of clients during administrative appeals and enforcement actions.
- Negotiated and provided advice concerning various complex contracts and other legal documents.
- Litigated contract disputes, insurance recovery claims, and CERCLA actions.

Environmental Policy Advisor, 10/98 to 11/00

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Phoenix, AZ

- Advised ADEQ Director on final determinations during formal appeal process.
- Reviewed and revised formal internal and external agency policy.
- Advised staff and management regarding enforcement issues, public document requests, new legislation, and risk management.
- Drafted or revised legal documents, including compliance and consent orders, delegation agreements, and miscellaneous contracts.
- Worked with department leadership and Office of the Attorney General with respect to agency's response to "environmental justice" complaints.

Associate, 8/97 to 9/98

Streich Lang PA, Phoenix, AZ

- Drafted legal opinions concerning major federal environmental laws.
- Negotiated numerous leases on behalf of national bank for automated teller machine space.

Process Research Engineer, 6/90 to 8/94

Dow Chemical Company, LaPorte, TX

- Designed and oversaw construction and start-up of polyamine pilot plant.
- Designed upgrades to phosgenation pilot plant.
- Developed computer model to forecast product quality.
- Received Special Recognition Awards for computer modeling and team project work.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate Degree

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Rank: 10th out of 159

Honors: Order of the Coif, Cum Laude, Regents Non-Resident Graduate Scholarship, Pedrick Scholar

Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Chemical Engineering)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Sam Craig Scholarship, Honeywell Award of Excellence in Engineering, Regents Academic Scholarship

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Smart Energy Decisions, Advisory Board Member, 2022 to present

Mission Manor at Ray Ranch Homeowners Association, Board Member, 2010 to 2023

Valley Forward Association, 2004 to 2011

- Member of Board of Directors, 2006 to 2010
- Member of Executive Committee, 2006 to 2008
- Chair of Energy Committee, 2008
- Co-Chair of Livability Summit on Climate Change, 2007
- Chair of Environmental Education Committee, 2006

Arizona Technology Council, Environmental, Natural Resources and Safety Committee Member, 2008 to 2010

Arizona Chamber of Commerce, 2001 to 2010

- Environmental Committee Member, 2008 to 2010
- Energy Committee Member, 2009

Tempe Transportation Commission, Commissioner, 2002 to 2004