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EXPERIENCE:

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, New York, New York

Senior Program Manager, Port Sustainability & Resilience - Port Department (June 2023 – Present)

Oversee programs, initiatives and strategy to reduce environmental impacts associated with the Port's consumption of energy, water, and other resources and meets the Port Authority's decarbonization, sustainability goals, and climate resiliency objectives.

- Provide support and guidance to Port Department staff in implementing decarbonization, sustainability and emission reduction initiatives.
- Serve as the internal leader and expert on Port sustainability and decarbonization, monitor trends and communicate/educate all internal and external stakeholders on relevant topics.
- Supervision of staff to provide data necessary to complete the Port Authority's annual agency wide GHGs and Criteria Air Pollutant Inventory and ensure timely completion of the Port of New York and New Jersey's Annual Emissions Inventory.
- Serve as the Port Department's technical lead on annual updates to the GHG forecast and calibration of interim GHG targets.
- Represent the Port Department on environmental, sustainability, and resiliency task forces, workgroups, and multi-agency efforts.
- Track global best practices and make implementation recommendations regarding GHG emissions, Green Shipping Corridors, waste reduction, and other programs.
- Promote and enhance sustainable design and climate resiliency, collaborating with Engineering, the Office of Sustainability, and other departments for all Port infrastructure projects and tenant-delivered improvements within the framework of the Agency's Climate Resilience and Sustainable Infrastructure Guidelines.
- Monitor all relevant Federal and State legislation and regulations associated with sustainability and decarbonization in the port and maritime environs, develop proposed comments including any suggested modifications and guide staff and stakeholders in the implementation of any new requirements.
- Liaison with external regulatory and resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, community organizations and academic institutions. Promote PA sustainability and decarbonization efforts.

Principal Environmental Programs Specialist – Port Department (March 2019 – June 2023)

Advance environmental strategy, policy, and technological implementation in alignment with the agency's Environmental Sustainability Policy and in support of the agency's GHG reduction targets. Manage environmental programs for the Port Department aimed at reducing the environmental impact of maritime operations.

- Researched grant opportunities and applied to grants in support of current and prospective environmental initiatives, including project scoping, work plans, project authorization, implementation, and continual improvement.
- Researched and advised on alternative power and renewable energy projects and studies.
- Tracked and provided summary updates on policy, regulation, and technology for evaluation and implementation, or impact assessment on port communities, such as adoption of emission control standards.
- Assisted in the implementation of the agency's commitment to reduce GHG emissions by coordinating studies on electrification, participating in the agency's Net Zero working group, and developing departmental strategies and benchmarking goals in support of the reduction goals.
- Collaborated with internal partners and external government agencies (federal, state, and local) to identify and obtain grant funding to support environmental projects and manage grant compliance as appropriate.

IHI POWER SERVICES CORP. & ETHOS ENERGY GROUP, Long Island City, New York

Compliance Manager (June 2018 – March 2019)

Oversaw and coordinated all environmental, health and safety, emergency preparedness, NERC and security compliance programs for the Ravenswood Generating Station, a 2,400-megawatt power plant.

- Ensured full compliance with all regulatory reporting requirements, license & permit renewals, fee payments and applicable document retention conditions.
- Corresponded with regulators and represented the company at hearings with regulators, as well as with the New York Independent System Operator.
- Led a multifunctional and diverse team of 10 full-time employees and contracted personnel with an annual budget of approximately \$3M.
- Completed all environmental compliance aspects of capital projects at the facility, including writing scopes, reviewing RFPs, and filing of necessary permits.

- Scheduled and organized corporate security audits, including cyber security audits.
- Reviewed and advised on new regulations and policy issues that have the potential to affect operations, and work across departments to develop future compliance strategies.
- Identified, monitored, and mitigated environmental risks and liabilities associated with the operation of a power plant and pipeline operation.

TRANSCANADA CORP., Long Island City, New York

Environmental Compliance Specialist (August 2011 – June 2018)

Developed and managed environmental programs and projects for the Ravenswood Generating Station, a 2,400MW power plant and former Manufactured Gas Plant site located in New York City, to ensure compliance with all federal and state regulations, as well as company policies and standards.

THE NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION, INC., Queens, New York

Associate Counsel (June 2006 – August 2011)

Reviewed, negotiated, and drafted contracts, including all contracts for hardware and software acquisitions, as well as technology services, such as hosting and systems design contracts. Worked with facilities' departments to ensure compliance with all state and federal environmental regulations. Drafted non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements. Counseled the Human Resources Department on employment and labor law issues, including FLSA, FMLA and ERISA compliance, attended labor negotiations and conducted labor arbitrations. Supervised and managed Junior Associate and administrative staff. Responded to all investigations and complaints filed with the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the US Department of Labor-OSHA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York State Department of Labor against the company.

NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION (HRA), OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, CONTRACTS, BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LAW, New York, NY

Agency Attorney (December 2005 – June 2006)

Reviewed and drafted goods and service contracts, including agreements for the provision of social services, as well contracts for the procurement of information technology, software, audit and security programs. Reviewed leases and advised HRA's constituent agencies on issues relating to their landlord-tenant obligations. Advised on arising intellectual property issues and prepared and registered copyrights and trademarks. In addition, prepared opinions on matters relating to the New York City Charter, Procurement Policy Board Rules and other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

CONDÉ NAST PUBLICATIONS, INC. New York, NY

Contract Attorney (Corporate Editorial Department) (September 2004 – November 2005)

Drafted and negotiated limited rights photography/illustration contracts for various publications, including Vogue, The New Yorker and Wired Magazine. Reviewed and created boilerplate agency manuscript agreements and CondeNet contracts. Followed up and renegotiated previously unsigned contracts. Created and proofread for consistency standard limited rights and work-for-hire contracts. Investigated and researched possible copyright and trademark infringement cases, as well as wrote memos and cease-and-desist letters if necessary. Researched pre-1976 employment contracts and copyright assignments for rights-clearance project for anthology publication of magazine.

EDUCATION:

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Juris Doctor, June 2004

Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*, June 2000

ADMISSION:

Admitted to practice law in New York,

Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in German, Conversational knowledge of French

CERTIFICATIONS:

Envision Sustainability Professional, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure