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ARSENIO MATAKA



WORK EXPERIENCE

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sep 2017 – Present

SPECIAL ADVISOR

Apr 2017 – Sep 2017

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Jan 2012 – Apr 2017

DIRECTING/STAFF ATTORNEY

May 2010 – Jan 2012



ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

LECTURER

Jan 2019 - Current



EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS - HISTORY

June 2005

JURIS DOCTOR

June 2009



REFERENCES

Matthew Rodriguez

Chief Asst. Attorney General

Martha Guzman Aceves

Commissioner

Vien Truong

Senior Director of Global Engagement and Sustainability

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL XAVIER BECERRA

- Advise the Attorney General on environmental policy and law.
- Provide guidance and direction to the Bureau of Environmental Justice, Environment Section, Natural Resources Law Section and Land Law Section.

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

- Advise the Governor's Office on environmental policy matters related to California's cap-and-trade program and ground-breaking legislation to reduce air pollution at a neighborhood level.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- Advise the Secretary for Environmental Protection on policies, regulations and legislation related to environmental justice and tribal affairs.
- Coordinate and oversee efforts by the CalEPA Boards, Departments, and Office to ensure environmental justice concerns are addressed.
- Develop and maintain relationships with environmental justice organizations and Tribal Governments.

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INC.

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA) is a nonprofit legal service program created to help California's low-income individuals and communities. The organization provides legal assistance in the areas of employment and labor, housing, health, public benefits, and educational access.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW

Co-teach "Environmental Justice in Practice", a course designed to introduce students to environmental justice. The course engages students in activities that will help them develop practical tools, which they can apply broadly across other social movements and areas of legal practice.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, CA

HUMPHREYS COLLEGE - DRIVON SCHOOL OF LAW

Stockton, CA

Bar Admission: California



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Led the development and implementation of CalEnviroScreen, the nation's first comprehensive statewide environmental health screening tool.
- Developed and established the Bureau of Environmental Justice, the nation's first unit of lawyers solely focused on Environmental Justice.
- Created and co-led California's first permanent multi-media environmental justice enforcement task force.
- Assisted with legislation and policy implementation directing over \$3 billion in climate investments to disadvantaged communities.
- Assisted Governor's office with legislation to refine and reauthorize the cap-and-trade program and reduce air pollution at the neighborhood level.

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