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PRACTICES

Air
Hydropower
Litigation & Investigations
Waste & Hazardous Substances

EDUCATION

American University, Washington
College of Law
North Carolina State University
Oklahoma State University

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar

ROBERT A. CONRAD
ASSOCIATE



Professional Background

Robert assists clients in a variety of regulatory law matters in the energy, environmental, and natural resources spaces, with specific interest in how these areas affect tribal communities. His experiences include Resource Conservation and Recovery Act compliance, specifically advising clients on the civil penalty policy and insurance issues, Federal Energy Regulatory compliance, including hydropower facility relicensing and natural gas pipeline permitting, and Clean Air Act compliance.

While obtaining his Master of Natural Resources degree from North Carolina State University, Robert participated in the Conservation and Diversity Project Internship Program with the Conservation Trust for North Carolina. Following his 1L year, Robert interned at the United States Department of Agriculture through the Washington Internship for Native Students program. Robert is also an enrolled member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Representative Experience

Environment and Natural Resources

- Drafted memorandum regarding RCRA civil penalty calculations in order to assist client in negotiations with EPA.
- Drafted memorandum analyzing viable CERCLA clean-up cost recovery options.
- Provided technical and legal support for the settlement negotiations between a hydropower client and various state and federal agencies, which culminated in the signing of a Comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement.
- Assisted energy industry group in the development and execution of unique, one-of-a-kind program bringing together tribal leaders and industry professionals in a dialogue to improve tribal/industry relationships.
- Assisted in representation of a coalition of hydroelectric licensees at FERC technical conferences presenting arguments disputing agency annual charges.
- Drafted hydropower client response to tribal comments opposing preliminary permit application.
- Drafted an Initial Statement for amendment to a hydropower license.

Litigation and Investigations

- Assist with representation of tribal client in challenging the federal government's accounting of tribal trust assets.
- Review and analyze documents and draft memoranda related to a multinational internal investigation into potential violations of U.S. environmental laws and potential false statements to regulators.
- Reviewed and analyzed documents related to an internal investigation into a manufacturer's compliance with requirements of the EPA *Energy Star* program.
- Assisted in document production and deposition preparation for government investigation regarding market manipulation.

Government Service

United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Intern, 2015

Alerts

- D.C. Circuit Decision Loosens Restrictions on Solid Waste, 03/23/2018
- FERC Revises License Term Policy for Hydropower Projects, 10/19/2017
- BLM's Final Methane and Waste Prevention Rule Creates Compliance Uncertainty, 11/21/2016