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PRACTICES

Climate Change
Cybersecurity & Emerging
Technologies
Land Use
Water

EDUCATION

Certifications
Gonzaga University School of Law
Whitman College

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Washington
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Washington
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District
of Arizona

TERESE (T.C.) RICHMOND

PARTNER



Professional Background

Terese (T.C.) Richmond has over 30 years' experience representing state and local governmental agencies in Washington and Arizona. Her practice focuses on environmental law, land use, water law and climate change. She has broad experience in natural resource policy, laws and regulations, and the governance of large organizations, and public-private partnerships. She provides proactive legal support for organizations so that they are effective and efficient in realizing their missions.

She serves as general counsel for Cascade Water Alliance, a municipal corporation composed of Puget Sound cities and special-purpose districts, and as counsel for the University of Washington, and other public and private organizations.

T.C. currently serves as a committee member of the Independent Advisory Committee (IAC) on Applied Climate Assessment, supported by the State of New York joined with Columbia University and the America Meteorological Society to prepare recommendations on improvements to the US Sustained National Climate Assessment addressed to federal science agencies, state and municipal governments, and civil society organizations. She served as the Vice-Chair of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee where she led the 60-person Federal Advisory Committee that oversaw the development of the Third National Climate Assessment. T.C. also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Dividing the Waters Program of The National Judicial College.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, T.C. was Senior Counsel for the Attorney General's Office-University of Washington Division. There, she represented the University in the areas of environmental law, campus planning, local land use, real estate, environmental health and safety, export control and museum law. As an Assistant Attorney General, T.C. also represented the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Washington Department of Ecology in state and federal trial and appellate courts and served on the Attorney General Formal Opinion Committee. In addition, T.C. served as Chief Counsel to the Arizona Department of Water Resources; Special Assistant to the Governor (WA) regarding federal water resource legislation; and King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Transit and Water Quality Section. T.C. served as a Law Clerk, Justice Robert Brachtenbach. Washington State Supreme Court.

Representative Experience

- Serves as General Counsel for Cascade Water Alliance, a nonprofit corporation composed of municipal corporations and special-purpose districts operating under an Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of its members to plan, develop, and operate a water supply system and regional assets to meet its members' current and future drinking water needs.
- Served as a Contributing Author, Report on Preparing the Nation for Change: Building a Sustained National Climate Assessment Process, National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee, 2013
- Serves as General Counsel for Building Changes, a nonprofit corporation with public and private funding working to end family homelessness.
- Provides land use and environmental permitting to several municipal, county, and state agencies, irrigation districts, and other municipal corporations and special purpose districts, with a focus on State

Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and climate change.

- Represented the University of Washington in the areas of environmental law; land use; real estate; health and safety laws; export control regulation; and open public meetings including representation of the museums, theaters, and radio stations.
- As King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Transit and Water Quality Section, counseled on environmental issues including those related to planning, construction, and operation of waste water treatment plants, water supply issues, electrical utility regulation, bio-solids regulation, and SEPA.
- Served as Chief Counsel to the Arizona Department of Water Resources, providing legal counsel to the Director and supervising the department's legal staff in all legal matters, including federal and state court litigation, administrative review matters, interstate negotiations, Indian water rights negotiations, endangered species act issues, grants programs, contracting, state and federal legislation, and personnel matters.
- Served as Special Assistant to the Governor, Washington State, negotiating federal water resource legislation with Congressional delegation, Indian tribes, agricultural interests, environmental groups, and federal agencies in the Yakima River Basin, and worked with media, local governmental entities, state legislature and the public.
- Represented Washington Department of Fisheries and Department of Wildlife (now a combined department) in state and federal trial and appellate courts, in administrative hearings, and in legislative, rule-making and enforcement matters.
- Represented Washington Department of Ecology in state and federal trial and appellate courts, in administrative hearings, and in negotiations. Areas of concentration were federal pesticide laws, federal Superfund and hazardous waste laws, and the state and federal Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act.

Government Service

Washington State Attorney General's Office

Senior Counsel, Formal Opinion Committee, 2004-2007

Assistant Attorney General, 1997-2004

Arizona Department of Water Resources

General Counsel

Washington State Governor's Office

Special Assistant to the Governor

King County, Washington

Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Transit and Water Quality Section

Washington State Supreme Court

Law clerk to the Honorable Justice Robert Brachtenbach

Awards and Honors

"Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*

Environmental Law, 2010-2020

Land Use & Zoning Law, 2013-2020

Litigation-Environmental, 2011-2020

"Super Lawyers" by *Washington Super Lawyers Magazine*

Washington State, 2011-2015

Articles and Presentations

- Water Law and Research Management in Washington, Law Seminars International, Seattle WA,

06/27/2019

- 2019 Northwest Land Camp, Northwest Land Camp, Walla Walla WA, 06/20/2019
- 2019 Environmental and Land Use Law Section Midyear Meeting & Conference, Washington State Bar Association, Union WA, 05/02/2019
- Evaluating Knowledge to Support Climate Action: A Framework for Sustained Assessment, Weather, Climate, and Society Journal of the AMS, 04/04/2019
- Bridging the Gap with the Science for Climate Action Network, American Geophysical Union, 04/04/2019
- A Framework for Sustained Climate Assessment in the United States, Bulletin of American Meteorological Society, 04/01/2019
- 16th Annual SEPA & NEPA Seminar, Law Seminars International, Seattle WA, 01/11/2019
- ABA 2017 Water Law Conference, American Bar Association, Los Angeles California, 03/28/2017
- Addressing Climate Change in the West, Law Seminars International, Seattle Washington, 02/16/2017
- 14th Annual SEPA & NEPA Seminar, Law Seminars International, Seattle WA, 01/13/2017
- 2016 Aspen-Nicholas Water Forum, Aspen CO, 05/18/2016
- Water Finance Forum, Portland OR, 03/31/2016
- International Water & Climate Forum 2015, San Diego CA, 12/07/2015
- 2015 AWRA Washington State Conference - Water Management Strategies in the Face of Climate Change, Seattle Washington, 10/22/2015
- 13th Annual Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers Conference, University of Washington, Seattle WA, 10/01/2015
- Building a Sustained Climate Assessment Process, Climatic Change, pp. 1-15, 09/21/2015
- The Third National Climate Assessment: The Role of District Energy and Combined Heat and Power, District Energy, Second Quarter, pp. 19, 04/01/2015
- Preparing for Climate Change - New Regulations and New Litigation, The Seminar Group, Seattle WA, 11/12/2014
- 2014 AASHE Annual Conference & Expo, The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Portland OR, 10/26/2014
- 2014 AFN Annual Convention, Anchorage AK, 10/23/2014
- IDEA's 105th Annual Conference and Trade Show, International District Energy Association, Seattle WA, 06/08/2014
- [2014 National Climate Assessment](#), Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment, Melillo, Jerry M., Terese (T.C.) Richmond, and Gary W. Yohe, Eds., U.S. Global Change Research Program, 05/12/2014
- [2014 Highlights of Climate Change Impacts in the United States](#), Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment, Melillo, Jerry M., Terese (T.C.) Richmond, and Gary W. Yohe, Eds., U.S. Global Change Research Program, 05/11/2014
- 27th Annual Campus Energy Conference, International District Energy Association, Atlanta GA, 02/18/2014
- Planning for District Energy, CHP and Microgrids: A checklist for campus administrators, District Energy, First Quarter 2014, pp. 36, 01/01/2014
- 2013 Report on Preparing the Nation for Change: Building a Sustained National Climate Assessment Process, Contributing author, National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee, 12/01/2013

- 22nd Annual Conference on Growth Management Act and Land Use, Law Seminars International, 11/07/2013
- Conservation Tools: An Evaluation and Comparison of the Use of Certain Land Preservation Mechanisms, Prepared for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office pursuant to SHB 1957 (2009), 12/23/2009

Alerts

- WaterISAC Releases Broader Cybersecurity Guidelines for Water & Waste Water Utilities , 07/29/2019
- Washington State's New Clean Energy Legislation Has Far Reaching Impacts, 05/23/2019
- EPA Issues New Emergency Response Requirements for Community Water Systems, 04/03/2019
- Federal Administration Issues Climate Report, 12/06/2018
- GAO Reports Challenges and Successes in Cybersecurity Framework Adoption, 03/05/2018
- Western Water/Growing Cities: An Examination of 11 States' Approach to the Issue, 11/14/2017
- Climate Change Policy Developments in Washington State, 03/23/2017
- Contracts 101: Knowing What You Know/Don't Know Can Make All the Difference, 04/20/2016
- New Rule & Initiatives to Limit Carbon Gaining Traction in Washington State, 01/11/2016
- A Context for Viewing Climate Change in the Northwest, 09/15/2015
- Final Environmental Analysis for Keystone XL Pipeline Project Elevates Climate Change Issues, 02/05/2014