

February 2, 2016

Judge Laura Scott
Matheson Courthouse
450 South State Street
P.O. Box 1860
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1860

**RE: Statement of Interest in Appointment as Special Master
Utah Lake and Jordan River General Adjudication
Civil Case No. 360057298**

To the Honorable Judge Scott:

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I have long been interested in water allocation in the West and focused much of my legal education and practice on water related issues. I am grateful the Court is moving ahead with this matter.

While certainty in water resources can never be fully obtained, a comprehensive legal decree which adjudicates the waters of Utah Lake and the Jordan River would do much to ensure a more defined and reliable water supply for the region. I would eagerly accept the position as special master of this case because the only way Utah can move ahead with effective water development is to know exactly what water is legally available. Entering a comprehensive decree in this adjudication would do much to accomplish that – and I would very much like to be a part of that process.

I have worked on or studied water issues throughout the West for the past 15 years. In my legal practice, I have represented private water users and public water providers in Utah and Arizona for the past 10 years. My experience ranges from preparing legal opinions on the validity of water rights to advising public entities in large scale water allocation and distribution. I have worked on water claims and negotiations involving Utah Lake, the Strawberry Water Project, Utah's West Desert, the Little Colorado River, the Gila River, and the Lake Powell Pipeline Project. I have worked for the Utah Division of Water Rights and remain very familiar with their records, operations and standards.

In my law practice, I represent land owners seeking to maximize their property and water resources. But my most challenging work has been, and continues to be, the representation of rural public entities and water companies. I have represented my clients in land use and property

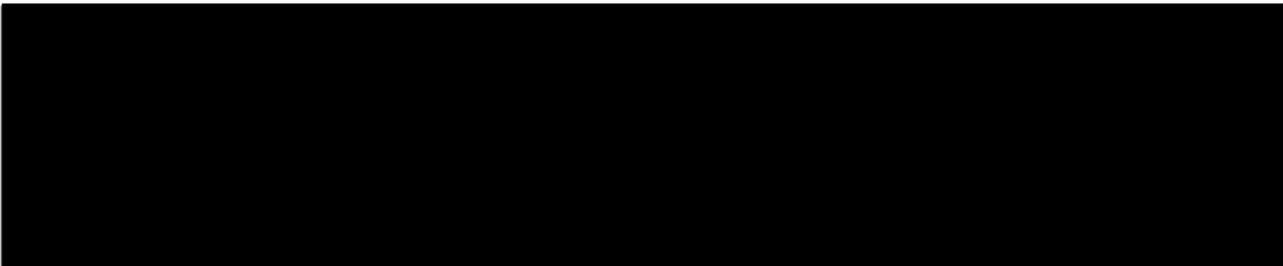
acquisition matters including easement acquisition, condemnation, water right evaluation, water protests, administrative compliance, quiet title actions and policy drafting. I have been able to litigate several of these issues at the administrative and trial court levels, defending water claims in Utah and Arizona. The remainder of my practice involves business and probate matters, where I consistently participate in civil litigation.

Potential Conflicts / Economic Interests

Since 2007, I have represented a number of irrigation companies and an irrigation district in southern Utah County. All of these entities own water rights located with the geographic area of this adjudication. Since this adjudication is once again moving forward, I expect to file a notice of appearance on behalf of these entities in the near future. However, as of the date of this letter, I have never directly represented any of these entities in this case, though I am familiar with their water rights and claims.

My economic interests in the subject matter of this adjudication are limited to those fees I have collected for legal representation of water right owners within the adjudication boundaries. I do not own or have any interest in real property or water rights that are affected by this case.

Proposed Billing Structure



Thank you again for your time and consideration. I will gladly provide additional information and references upon request.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Riley S. Snow', is written over the typed name.

Riley S. Snow

RESUME | Riley S. Snow

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Riley S. Snow PLC | Jan. 2010–Present

Attorney / Owner

- Representation of individuals, businesses and public entities.
- Assist clients in civil litigation, title disputes and natural resource matters.

Ballard Spahr LLC | June 2009–Jan. 2010

Associate Attorney

- Representation of public and private entities in water development and water settlements.
- Assisted industrial and development entities with state and federal environmental compliance.

Sanders & Snow PLLC | Sept. 2007–June 2009

Partner

- Representation of public and private entities on matters of property and water development.
- Counsel for municipal entities in administrative proceedings and litigation.

Durham Jones & Pinegar, P.C. | Dec. 2005–Sept. 2007

Associate Attorney

- Represented developers in real estate transactions and civil litigation.
- Assistant city attorney for second largest municipality in Washington County.

Utah Division of Water Rights | Aug. 2004–Dec. 2005

Engineer Technician

- Prepared publications detailing Division activity and developments in Utah water law.
- Researched Division activity and developments in Utah water law from 1980 to 2005.

ADMISSIONS

Arizona State and Federal Courts

Utah State and Federal Courts

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate | May 2005

S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

- Graduate Certificate in Natural Resources & Environmental Law
- Note & Comment Editor, Journal of Land, Resources, & Environmental Law
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Water Law
- S.J. Quinney College of Law Outstanding Achievement Award in Real Estate Drafting

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Environmental Studies | May 2002

College of Natural Resources, Utah State University, Logan, Utah

- S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney Foundation Scholar
- Distinguished Service Award, College of Natural Resources
- Student Council President, College of Natural Resources 2001–2002

PUBLISHED WORK

Maricopa Lawyer, Vol. 33, No. 7, CLE teaches how to deal with your digital life after death, 2014

Maricopa Lawyer, Vol. 32, No. 11, Climate change in the southwest CLE provides a regional prospective, 2013

Maricopa Lawyer, Vol. 32, No. 11, CLE offers tips, tricks and forms for compulsory arbitration, 2013

Maricopa Lawyer, Vol. 32, No. 6, What Annoys JAs, Clerks and Attorneys, 2013

State Engineer Biennial Report No. 54: 2002–2003, Utah Division of Water Rights (2005).

Federal Court of Claims Further Limits Nuclear Power Companies' Ability to Collect Damages, 24 J. LAND RESOURCES & ENVTL. L. 151 (2003).

RECOGNITION / PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Named "Top Valley Lawyer - Best Lawyers in Phoenix" by North Valley Magazine, 2014
Member, Editorial Board, Maricopa Lawyer, Maricopa County Bar Association, 2013 - Present
Outreach Committee, State Bar of Arizona Solo and Small Practice Section, 2013
Planning Committee, American Bar Association, 2011 Annual Water Law Conference, 2011
Named "Rising Star" by Mountain States Super Lawyers Magazine, 2009
Executive Committee, Utah Chapter of American Water Resources Association, 2008-2009

SERVICE

Assistant Coach, Scottsdale Recreational Soccer 2015
Assistant Coach, Southern Utah Youth Lacrosse 2007-2008

LANGUAGE

Fluent in Portuguese