

Lynette (Lynn) Stetler

Environmental Law
Environmental Auditing
Technical Writing & Training

Representative Skills and Experience

Lynette ("Lynn") Stetler is an attorney and Environmental Regulatory Specialist. She holds a JD from U.C. Hastings School of Law and a B.S. degree in Conservation and Resource Studies with an emphasis in International Environmental Policy and Law from U.C. Berkeley. Lynette provides regulatory support for environmental compliance audits of facilities including academic institutions, manufacturers, electric utilities, and municipal water systems. She helps clients comply with the terms and conditions of various permits and provides regulatory assessments of audit findings. Lynette also assists in environmental permit applications, develops hazardous material business plans (HMBP) and spill prevention control and countermeasure plans (SPCC) and reviews environmental plans for compliance with current requirements. Ms. Stetler develops training programs and material (factsheets, summaries) and develops customized training curriculum on environmental compliance requirements. She has written and edited guidelines, procedure documents and manuals; she has also authored several articles in legislative publications.

Environmental Regulatory Programs

Ms. Stetler provides compliance, educational and management services to help clients understand and fulfill their EH&S compliance responsibilities and move towards sustainability.

Environmental Auditing – Conducted audits that reveal both “hidden” regulatory and other liabilities and missed environmental opportunities to promote energy and resource efficiencies. Representative projects include academic institutions, a manufacturing company, an electric utility, municipal water systems, and a commercial airport.

Permitting & Land Use Analysis – Assists clients from diverse industries navigate applicable environmental permits and approvals and assist them with regulatory agency interface. Projects have included ports and water utilities.

Environmental Management Plans – Developed site- and/or industry-specific programmatic management systems and plans. Representative projects include a multi-media (Air, Waste/Storm Water, Hazardous Waste, HazMat), 11-state Compliance Management Plan for a drinking water/wastewater treatment operator. Assisted with development of an Environmental Management System (EMS) for the drinking water services aspects of a municipal water system.

Environmental Compliance Plans – Developed SPCC (spill prevention control and countermeasure) plans, storm water plans, and hazardous material business plans (HMBP). Clients have included a large bakery chain, motion picture studio, academic institutions, a large manufacturing company, an electric utility company, and a municipal water system.

Legislative Tracking and Regulatory Training

Conducts on-going legislative tracking to remain current with environmental and sustainability regulatory developments and develops general and site- and industry-specific training programs to ensure clients stay in compliance with training requirements.

Representative projects: Developed a comprehensive hazardous waste and hazardous materials program for a drinking water/wastewater treatment operator with operations in 11 states. Developed a comprehensive Training Plan for manufacturing company. Created multi-media environmental checklists for large academic institution.

Sustainability Strategies

Assist private sector and public sector organizations in identifying opportunities to move beyond regulatory compliance to a model where eliminating waste and preventing pollution improve performance and reduce business costs. Assisted in the development of a Clean Fleets Toolkit for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District: conducted research, summarized best management practices, developed action plan templates and assisted in the final editing.

Other Legal Research / Analysis Positions

Brightline Defense Project, Law Clerk, Research Fellow

Conducted research, strategized, drafted informational memoranda, and drafted fact patterns for environmental justice-oriented, Title VII, FHA, and FEHA actions; Conducted research and assisted in the incorporation of Brightline Defense Project as a non-profit entity.

U.C. Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, Student Representative

Under the supervision of an attorney, assumed responsibility in providing legal representation to a client with a Social Security Disability Insurance claim; conducted interviews with client, medical personnel and witnesses; conducted extensive fact finding and organizing of voluminous medical records; drafted a letter brief; and prepared direct and cross examination strategies. Obtained a favorable Decision on the Record.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Law Clerk

Under Director of Litigation: Drafted motion to compel discovery and motion to amend complaint; interviewed client pursuing a § 1983 cause of action; and conducted research and drafted informational memoranda on obtaining broad injunctive relief under §1983 and potential conflict of interest dealings by a governmental official.

Under Supervising Attorney, Community and Economic Development Unit: Assisted in the incorporation of two non-profit organizations; and analyzed I.R.S. 501(c)(3) regulations to determine whether a partnership among an incorporating non-profit and a private business entity would maintain the non-profit's 501(c)(3) status.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, Judicial Extern, for the Honorable Harry Pregerson

Drafted a bench memorandum that was circulated to a three judge panel; drafted case summaries for Judge Pregerson; and conducted research for and drafted informational memoranda to the judicial law clerks focusing on environmental, habeas corpus, constitutional, and immigration law issues.

Education

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2007

B.S. (Conservation and Resource Studies, International Environmental Policy and Law), University of California, Berkeley, 2004. Senior Thesis: "CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Sustainable Reporting Guidelines & the 3 E's: Environment, Economics and Equity."

Registrations and Professional Activities

- California Bar, No. 253865
- California State Bar Environmental Legislation Committee

Publications

- "2008 New Legislation (Special Report)" *California Environmental Insider* October 31, 2008.