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#### **EDUCATION**

Washington & Lee University European History B.A. 1964

Lexington, Virginia Honors With Exceptional Distinction

Columbia University Russian Area Studies 1964-65

Russian Institute Woodrow Wilson Scholar

New York, New York

Harvard University Law School J.D. 1971

Cambridge, Massachusetts

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Advisor – USAID – Indonesia USAID March 2007-Orangutan Conservation Support Project Jakarta, Indonesia present

Responsible for senior level government relationships with the Government of Indonesia/Ministry of Forestry and U.S. Congress, long term conservation finance, media and communications,.

Deputy Director, Asia-Pacific Region The Nature Conservancy 2005 to present

Bali, Indonesia

Responsibility for management and oversight of The Nature Conservancy's country programs in Indonesia, China, Papua New Guinea, Pacific Islands, and Australia, and TNC's regional programs in policy, government relations, conservation finance, and fund raising.

Distinguished Guest Lecture, Graduate Department of

Social and Cultural Ecology

Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2005

Course: Natural Resource Management in the United States and China:

A Comparative Analysis

Senior Advisor The Nature Conservancy 1999- 2004

Kunming, Yunnan Province China China Program

The mission of the Yunnan Great Rivers Project, a joint project of The Nature Conservancy, the Chinese central government, and the Yunnan Provincial Government, is to create a system of Nature Reserves and protected areas in Northwest Yunnan Province, China, to reduce threats to biodiversity through conservation actions and strategies; to recommend policy and legislation for Nature

Reserve/protected area management, and to promote compatible and sustainable economic development.

Negotiated 3-year working agreement with the Yunnan Provincial Government;

Managed the preparation of the Northwest Yunnan Conservation and Development Action Plan. This Action Plan addresses biodiversity conservation, cultural resource protection, regional planning and transportation infrastructure, compatible economic development in Northwest Yunnan, and recommendations for policy and legislative reform. The Action Plan involved approximately 40 institutes and agencies of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, and agencies of the Yunnan Provincial Government and local governments. The Yunnan Provincial Government formally adopted the Action Plan.

Managed Conservation Area Planning at five high biodiversity action sites selected in the Northwest Yunnan Eco-regional Plan, including strategies to reduce threats to biodiversity such as an alternative energy program to reduce fuel wood use.

Represented The Nature Conservancy in negotiations with the Chinese Central Government, State Environmental Protection Administration leading to preparation of a national biodiversity conservation plan.

Represented The Nature Conservancy in negotiations and joint projects in China with multi-lateral funding agencies, including the World Bank, the Asia Development Bank, the Global Environment Facility, UNESCO, United Nations Environment Programme, and bilateral funding agencies.

Managed growth of The Nature Conservancy's China Program staff from 4 to 43 employees in five locations in Northwest Yunnan with an annual budget of \$US 2.4 million.

Vice President, Law and Public Policy
National Trust for Historic
Preservation
Washington, D.C.

The National Trust for Historic provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities.

Managed legal department consisting of: (1) five attorneys responsible for litigation and internal corporate and governance matters; (2) two federal lobbyists and one research associate; (3) Director of State Law and Policy; and (4) Community Partners Program Director, senior attorney, loan and investment officer, and associate responsible for loan and equity investments in historic properties and districts.

Responsible for all federal and state legislation, administrative, litigation, and legal decisions affecting the mission of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Co-authored of Reclaiming Our Heritage: What We Need To Do To Preserve America's National Parks.

## Founding President and Chief Executive Officer The Grand Canyon Trust Flagstaff, AZ

1986-1993

The mission of the Grand Canyon Trust is to protect and restore the canyon country of the Colorado Plateau – its spectacular landscapes, flowing rivers, clean air, diversity of plants and animals, and areas of beauty and solitude. The Colorado Plateau region (northern Arizona, northern New Mexico, Southern Utah and southwestern Colorado) contains 25 units of the National Park System and consists primarily of federal and state public land.

Developed first 5 year strategic plan and fund raising plan and strategies for new regional advocacy organization and recruited Board of Trustees and staff.

Led advocacy campaigns – litigation, legislation, and media - on a wide range of issues including controlling low level air tour flights over the Grand Canyon and other national parks and restoring natural quiet; reducing air pollution (SO2 emissions) by 90% from the Navajo Power Plant; reducing peaking power water releases from Glen Canyon Dam; Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wilderness designation in Colorado Plateau; review of Resource Management Plans for areas under BLM management.

## Founding Chairman of the **Board of Directors**

**Rails-To-Trails Conservancy** 

1986-1993

Washington, D.C.

The mission of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is to enrich America's communities and countryside by creating a nationwide network of public trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors. In the first seven years, the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy created approximately 10,000 miles of new recreational corridors and initiated approximately 500 rail-to-trail projects nationwide.

Led Board of Trustees and staff through first seven years of organizational development including strategic planning and implementation of strategic plans, annual budget process, and membership development.

# **Special Assistant to the President; Deputy Executive Director; Vice President for Membership and Development**

**The Wilderness Society** 

1981-1986

Washington, D.C.

The mission of The Wilderness Society is to deliver to future generations an unspoiled legacy of wild places, with all the precious values they hold: Biological diversity; clean air and water; towering forests, rushing rivers, and sage-sweet, silent deserts.

Developed a program to monitor the decisions of the Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Department of the Interior pursuant to natural resource and public land laws.

Coordinated all staff functions as chief of staff.

Managed membership program for approximately 200,000 members, major gifts, foundation grants, and Planned Giving and Bequest programs.

#### Assistant United States Attorney for Maryland U.S Department of Justice

1977-1981

Investigated and prosecuted criminal violations of federal law: bank robbery, mail and wire fraud, income tax, narcotics, and environmental laws.

Represented United States in civil actions in the District of Maryland.

Argued criminal cases on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

## **Assistant Attorney General of Maryland**

1975-1977

State of Maryland Maryland Legislature and Department of Natural Resources Annapolis, Maryland

Provided advice on the constitutionality of proposed legislation to members of the Maryland Senate and House of Representatives.

Provided legal advice and represented in state and federal court the agencies of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources including Wetlands Administration, State Parks Service, State Forest Service, Office of Program Open Space, Office of Surface Mining, and Power Plant Siting Administration.

#### Law Associate

Piper & Marbury Baltimore, Maryland 1972-1975

1971-1972

Advised corporate clients on matters of general corporate law and securities law, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, criminal investigations, and litigation.

Law Clerk

Hon. Frank A. Kaufman United States District Court For Maryland Baltimore, Maryland

Researched opinions and rulings arising under federal and state law for a United States District Court Judge.

#### **VOLUNTEER AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

# The Wyss Foundation, Board of Trustees

1997-present

The mission of the Wyss Foundation is to preserve, protect, and restore, the public lands, waters, and open spaces of the American West to achieve ecological health across the landscape and build community, maintain diversity, and nourish the human spirit. The foundation awards approximately \$16 million in grants annually. Trustees and staff work directly with conservation and community organizations to develop proposals and strategies for funding.

Training Program in Political Party Organization, Structure and Operations National Democratic Institute 1992 National Endowment on Democracy Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1992-1996

Trained leaders of four major political parties in Cambodia in political party organization, structure and operations after the adoption of a new constitution and the elections in 1992

Vietnam Veterans Reconciliation Project Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation Washington, D.C.

Organized Vietnam War veterans to advocate lifting the United States' trade embargo against Vietnam and normalizing relations with Vietnam.

### **Common Cause, National Governing Board**

1997 – 1999

Chairman of the Search Committee for Chair of National Governing Board Finance Committee; Litigation and Legal Affairs Committee

Military Service 1965-1968

United States Marine Corps, discharged with the rank of Captain