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**ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE**

6/01 - Present      **Regional Initiatives**

Co-Chair of Regional Air Quality Forum, a technical advisory body that prepares regional response and planning to Federal air quality mandates (1/03 - present). Successfully implemented action plan targeting VOC and NOx emissions that avoided region being placed in noncompliance with ozone standards. Currently developing plan to address new ozone standard of .75 ppm. Analyze and comment upon proposed Federal and State regulatory changes with regional impact.

Chair of Johnson County, Kansas, Citizens Advisory Committee on Environment, Energy, and Sustainability (1/07 - Present). Multi-disciplinary group of volunteer residents who advise county government and formulate strategies for addressing environment, energy, and sustainability issues. Created air quality plan for county and 19 municipalities. Presently developing carbon footprint and carbon emission strategy for the same area.

Co-Chair of metropolitan initiative to coordinate policy and response to stormwater control and clean water mandates directed at stormwater runoff (6/01 - 7/02). Served as liaison to technical advisory committee that oversees distribution of local stormwater tax funds.

9/06 - Present      **Sustainability Initiatives**

Sponsor of elected board decision to pursue LEED certified construction program resulting in LEED Gold certified office building and additional facilities under construction. Sponsor of resolution approved by elected board to achieve target green house gas emission reductions and zero waste output from County Government operations. Liaison with Staff steering committee developing programs to achieve sustainability goals.

Graduate of Shadowcliff Retreat Sustainability series, Grand Lake, Colorado. (9/05)  
Group leader of subsequent training sessions.

**CIVIC EXPERIENCE**

1/03 to Present      **Johnson County Commission**

Represent First District on Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County, Kansas. Board is principal governing and policy body for County services. Oversee budget of \$740 million, 39 service departments and 4,000 employees. Represent district with 90,000 residents. Three times selected vice-chairman by peers.

5/93 to 12/02      **Mayor, City of Fairway, Kansas**

Preside over municipal government of city with population of 4,000. Supervise 19 employees. Oversee budget of \$2.7 Million. Represent city in negotiations. Led effort to publicly fund renovation of retail shopping area that catalyzed neighborhood redevelopment. Increased capital expenditures for infrastructure (streets and sidewalks) while maintaining or reducing property tax mill levy. Advocate for community on issues such as education funding, property maintenance measures, and community investment. Major community park rebuilding project completed. Established response to flooding problems that were not addressed for over 30 years.

6/88 to 4/93      **Fairway City Councilman**

Councilman on eight-member city council. Chairman of Finance Committee, 1989; elected President of Council, 1990; re-elected to second term, 1991.

9/01 - 12/02      **Member, Suburban Mayors Study Group**

Participant in initiative of MARC and Kaufman Foundation to gather mayors of developed suburbs to study and analyze common issues faced by communities within the urban core.

1997 - 1998      **Chairman, Johnson Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors**

Presided over 21-mayor council that studies and formulates policy positions on common issues for municipalities. Facilitated effort to incorporate Wyandotte County mayors into

organization. Formulated response to property tax initiatives in Kansas legislature.

1996 - 1997            **Johnson County Visioning Committee**

Represented Council of Mayors on Committee charged by the Johnson County Commission with developing long-range objectives for future of the County. Report included recommendations that public education become highest priority, infrastructure be maintained, and that County government be reorganized to provide greater leadership for the metropolitan area.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

12/84 - Present        **Attorney - Private Practice**  
                             **Member, Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson, LC (1/93 - Present)**  
                             **Associate Attorney, Perry & Hamill (12/84 - 12/92)**

Private law practice with emphasis on public utility/energy law, commercial litigation, administrative law, and estate planning. Client base represented includes individuals, small and large commercial interests, and municipalities. Trial experience includes practice before state and federal courts and state and federal regulatory agencies. Frequent appearances before legislative committees.

**Significant Cases:**

Kansas City Power & Light Company. Represented customer group in rate proceedings before the Kansas Corporation Commission where Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Station was at issue. Result of engagement was a phase-in of rates related to plant and substantial reduction and leveling of rates associated with plant. Case was sustained on appeal to the Kansas Supreme Court.

Northwest Central Pipeline Company. Represented Kansas consumers through Kansas Corporation Commission in challenge to natural gas pipeline purchasing practices. Engagement included proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Federal District and Circuit Courts. Preliminary determination that take-or-pay contracts and attendant escalator provisions violated public policy resulted in multi-million dollar settlement.

Westar Energy/Kansas City Power & Light Company. Represented consumer group in successful challenge to involuntary merger of two electric utilities.

6/80 to 12/84        **Assistant General Counsel, Kansas State Corporation Commission**

Represented Kansas Commission before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in proceedings concerning interstate natural gas pipelines and wholesale electric utilities serving Kansas. Represented Kansas Commission before state legislature and Congressional committees. Served as counsel to three commissioners of Kansas Commission.

Memberships: Massachusetts Bar (1979); Kansas Bar (1982); Missouri Bar (1991); Johnson County, Kansas, Bar Association, and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2003 - Present Member, Board of Directors, Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, Missouri.

2006 - Present Member, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Arts, Council, Kansas City, Missouri.

1999 to 2000 Chairman, Kansas Bar Association Administrative Law Section

1998 to Present Shawnee Mission School District Committee for Excellence

1993 to 1996 Shawnee Mission School District Foundation Board of Directors

1992 to Present Old Mission Methodist Foundation, President of Board of Trustees; Chairman Staff/Parish Relations Committee; Chairman of Board of Directors of Old Mission Early Childhood Care Center.

1983 - 1987 Kansas City Consensus, Board Member and Executive Committee Member. Participated in implementation of Bi-State Cultural Tax Initiative.

### LECTURE EXPERIENCE

12/84 to Present Presenter of Seminars discussing sustainable construction policy issues. Lectured on changes in federal and state regulation of utility industry.

6/80 to 12/84 Frequent guest lecturer on activities of Kansas Corporation Commission and regulatory issues.

### EDUCATION

9/76 to 5/79 **Juris Doctorate**, Suffolk Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (Dean's List, 1978-79).

1/71 to 5/74 **Bachelor of Arts**, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.

9/69 to 1/71 Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas.

### **PUBLICATION**

"Energy Conservation Financing", Community Energy Strategies, National League of Cities and National Association of Counties, Washington, D.C.: 1982 (Coauthor).

### **PERSONAL**

Married twenty six years; two children ages 23 and 19. Excellent health.

Demonstrated leadership ability and experience. Strong analytic skills and ability to communicate complex concepts. Effective group leader. Trained mediator.