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GOAL

Accomplished leader in government, legislation, regulatory law, energy & environmental policy, consulting and media seeks senior level opportunity to utilize skill sets on behalf of progressive energy/environmental policies addressing our climate emergency.

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Deep experience at every level of government – city, county, state legislature, Congress and the Executive Branch -- including having served for twelve years as an elected county official representing 1 million residents in Montgomery County, Maryland, with a \$5.6 billion budget.

Nationally recognized energy/environmental policy and legislative expertise; regulatory and Washington counsel for energy efficiency companies, investor-owned and public utilities, Canadian Provinces and Canadian natural gas producers, and local governments before federal and state regulatory agencies, Congress, U.S. Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

Wide-ranging media experience, including hosting a local television show (*Search for Common Ground in Montgomery County*), hosting weekly press conferences, speechwriting, press releases, and extensive public speaking.

KEY FUNCTIONAL STRENGTHS

- Energy & Environment Public Policy * Legislative Process • Creative Strategizing & Synthesizing • Coalition Building • Effective Communicator • Public Engagement

REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Legislative: Lead sponsor of more than two dozen county laws that promote clean energy, including the 1st in the nation county green bank and energy benchmarking law, residential and commercial PACE programs, and a requirement that the county buy 100% renewable energy. Led the County in adopting a Bus Rapid Transit master plan and, at the regional level, played a key role in securing dedicated funding for the Washington region's Metro system. At the state and federal levels, principal drafter of the Maryland Electric Service Quality Reliability Act, a law that required Maryland electric utilities to meet electric reliability standards; drafter of Sec. 1270 of the Energy Policy Act and its legislative history, a provision that prevented Enron from collecting hundreds of millions of dollars in "termination" payments from defrauded customers.

Legal: Lead counsel for the Coalition for Performance Based Ratemaking before the Maryland Public Service Commission successfully advocating for performance based rates; lead counsel for Nevada utilities on successful briefs to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals challenging FERC's failure to reform contracts subject to Enron's market manipulation in *Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County v. FERC*; briefed United States Supreme Court in *Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. v. Public utility District No. 1 of Snohomish*. Lead counsel for Los Angeles County & Siskiyou County before the California Public Utilities Commission.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present President, E2 LLC, Energy & Environment advisory services.
- 2006-Present President, Berliner Law PLLC, specializing in the representation of energy interests and local governments before federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court, federal and state agencies, and the United States Congress.
- 2006-2018 Councilmember, Montgomery County Council, Maryland. Represented 1 million residents on the Montgomery County Council. President of the Council, 2017 & 2012; Vice President, 2016, 2011, 2009; Chair, Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment.
- 2003-2005 Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, specializing in energy representation before FERC, the California Public Utilities Commission, and the 9th Circuit.
- 2000-2003 Managing Partner, Berliner, Candon & Jimison, specialized in the representation of Canadian and U.S. energy interests.
- 1984-2000 President, Brady & Berliner and Crossborder Services, a boutique law and consulting firm that specialized in the representation of energy interests before the California Public Utilities Commission, FERC, and federal courts.
- 1981-1983 Principle Energy Consultant, California State Assembly
- 1981 Senior Policy Advisor, Congressman Henry Waxman
- 1979-1980 Director of Congressional Liaison, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 1976-1979 Legislative Director, Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum
- 1974-1976 Legislative Analyst, Democratic Study Group, U.S. House of Representatives
- 1974 Special Assistant, Congressman Thom Luken (D-1 Ohio).

Education

BA, Dartmouth College (1973)
JD, McGeorge School of Law (1983), Member of the California and DC bars

Awards

Outstanding Leader Award, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Livable Communities Award, Coalition for Smarter Growth
Solar Champion Award, Washington region solar industry