

Michael Lazorchak

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Professional Experience

Manager of Regulatory and Legal Affairs

Dates of Employment: June 2020 to Current

Town of Stowe Electric Department (Vermont)

- Oversee regulatory and legal compliance, project permitting, and administrative compliance
- Manage the beneficial electrification, net-metering, and right of way programs.
- Manage the repowering of a small hydroelectric facility owned by the electric department.
- Manage filings with the Vermont Public Utility Commission and ISO-NE
- Provide legal advice and support to the Electric Department program staff.
- Manage the utility's legislative affairs program and testify before the Vermont General Assembly.
- Manage research and development grants and technical assistance projects with DOE Laboratories.
- Secured over \$8MM in funding for utility capital and generation projects, including Congressionally Direct Spending and USDA Powering Affordable Clean Energy financing.
- Manage the internship program and Dept. of Energy Clean Energy Innovator Fellow.

Attorney

Dates of Employment: October 2017 to June 2020

Earle & Freeman, PLC (Vermont)

- Provided legal advice, counsel, and support to clients.
- Engaged in pre-trial negotiations, settlement discussions, and litigation.

Forestry Technician, GS-0462-04 (Helitack)

Dates of Employment: April 2017- September 2017

National Park Service (Colorado)

- Completed fire suppression duties on a helitack crew.

Attorney/Advisor

Dates of Employment: October 2015 – April 2017

Of Counsel (Colorado)

- Represented non-profit citizen groups and completed investigations, and memoranda analyzing factual and legal issues.
- Completed research and writing on environmental law, zoning and land use regulations, and federal public lands law cases.

Forestry Technician, GS-0462-04 (Hotshot Crew)

Dates of Employment: May 2014 – October 2015

National Park Service (Colorado)

- Completed fire suppression duties on a hotshot crew.
- Worked on NEPA planning documents, including EAs and EISs. Provided legal research and writing for the updated Boundary Survey for Rocky Mountain National Park.

Range Technician, GS-0455-03 (Fuels)

Dates of Employment: October 2013 – January 2014

Bureau of Land Management (Nevada)

- Drafted memoranda for the Spruce Mountain EA at the Interior Board of Land Appeals.
- Drafted the fuels and fire planning section in four NEPA documents for the Elko District.

Range Technician, GS-0455-04 (Hotshot Crew)

Dates of Employment: May 2012 – October 2013

Bureau of Land Management (Nevada)

- Completed fire suppression duties on a hotshot crew.

Attorney

Dates of Employment: November 2011 – May 2012

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (Montana)

- Completed due diligence review for real estate transactions and drafted conservation easement amendments.

Attorney

Dates of Employment: August 2010 – October 2011

White & White PC (Wyoming)

- Represent clients for Legal Aid of Wyoming and in trials and hearings before State courts and the Wind River Agency Tribal Court
- Represented clients in contracts, real estate transactions, leases, property disputes, and easements.
- Drafted court orders for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Court (Montana)

PRO BONO & VOLUNTEER SERVICE**Energy Committee**

Dates: January 2024 – Current

City of Williston

- Member of city committee that advises the Selectboard on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electrification matters.

Development Review Board

Dates: February 2018 – October 2023

Town of Montpelier

- Member of a town board that reviews permit applications pursuant to the City zoning bylaws.

Board of Director Member

Dates: July 2018 - Current

Jericho Underhill Land Trust

- Work to maintain accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance and TerraFirma
- Provide legal analysis and writing on conservation easements, access to private lands, hunting and fishing access, and grant funding for land conservation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**Attorney:** State of Vermont and State of New York**BOARD EXPERIENCE**

- *Jericho Underhill Land Trust*. Board member for the land trust. 2019-Present
- *Vermont Parks Forever*. Board member for the organization that supports State Parks. 2020-Present
- *Town of Williston Energy Committee*. Advisory committee to the Williston Selectboard. 2023-Present
- *Town of Montpelier Development Review Board*. Determined zoning permits. 2019-2023.

EDUCATION**Vermont Law School**

Degree: Juris Doctorate and Master in Environmental Law and Policy

Graduation: May 2010