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Professional Profile

Mr. Tietz's practice concentrates on water law, representing clients before the Montana Water Court in the statewide water rights adjudication, before state district courts in water distribution matters, as well as before the Montana Department of Natural Resources regarding the permitting of new water rights. Mr. Tietz is rated as one of Montana's top Environmental & Natural Resources attorneys according to Chambers USA.

- Water Law
- Environmental and Natural Resource Litigation
- Property/Real Estate
- General Litigation

Professional Experience

Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven, P.C.

2004 – present, Helena, Montana

Shareholder

- Practice emphasizes natural resource, environmental, and general litigation. Significant experience in water and property law and real estate transactions.

Center for Environmental Law & Policy

2004, Seattle, Washington

Legal Extern

- Research and writing on the use of exempt groundwater wells in property development.

Washington State Attorney General's Office, Labor & Industry Section

2003, Lacey, Washington

Rule 9 Summer Law Clerk

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda, motions, and briefs; argued before Washington Superior Court.

Onyx Environmental Services, LLC

1996 – 2001, Seattle, Washington

Northwest Branch Manager

- Managed the Pacific Northwest Branch of an international hazardous waste management company, providing in-plant and on-site hazardous waste management, transportation, recycling, and disposal services. Conducted environmental compliance audits of company-owned and third-party hazardous waste facilities.

Special Resource Management / Chemical Waste Management, Inc.

1993 – 1996, Butte, Montana and Portland, Oregon

Operations Manager

- Managed field operations for Chemical Waste Management, Inc. providing environmental, remediation, and transportation services to hazardous waste generators in Montana, Idaho, and Oregon.

Education

Juris Doctorate, 2004

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington

Bachelors of Science, 1987

Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

Admissions to

- Montana State Courts
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Practice ■ Montana Federal Courts

■ US Court of International Trade

**Community
Involvement** ■ Chair, Lewis and Clark County Citizens
Advisory Committee on Open Lands