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CURRENT POSITION:

I've been a Utah Assistant Attorney General since 2002. I was hired to represent the Division of Public Utilities on regulated utility matters, but I volunteered to represent the Utah Pipeline Safety Section too. For many years I have also represented the State of Utah concerning its Excavation Enforcement Program. The Utah Pipeline Safety Section provides invaluable assistance on pipeline safety and excavation enforcement matters.

MOST RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE:

For 13 years, I was a corporate attorney for The Williams Companies representing Northwest Pipeline Company and Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

EDUCATION:

In 1983, I received a B.S. degree, *magna cum laude*, in Political Science and an Honors degree from the University of Utah. In 1986, I received a J.D., also from the University of Utah. While in law school, I was on the Journal of Energy Law and Policy.