# JOHN E. HULTGREN

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region I, Boston, MA

March 2008 – Present Enforcement Counsel: Serve in Superfund Legal Office, providing legal enforcement and counsel at all stages of the remediation process of sites contaminated with hazardous substances.

- Pursue enforcement actions against responsible parties to recover EPA cleanup costs.
- Negotiate settlement agreements, which require responsible parties to perform site cleanups.
- Negotiate with settling defendants / enforce settlement agreement provisions to ensure the proper fulfillment of all cleanup obligations.
- Serve on site case teams to manage completion of cleanup activities.
- Counsel program staff on fulfillment of legal requirements within all stages of site cleanup.
- Draft and review EPA decision documents.
- Serve as co-counsel to Department of Justice attorneys when bringing cases in federal court.
- Provide legal expertise within specific subject areas to other Superfund attorneys.

New England Honors Attorney Fellow

September 2006 – March 2008

Worked in all three of EPA – Region I's legal offices –Regulatory Enforcement Legal Office, Office of Regional Counsel, and Superfund Legal Office – on wide variety of projects.

- Filed and settled several administrative legal actions under the Toxic Substances Control Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and Clean Air Act.
- Issued administrative orders for regulatory compliance, access to properties.
- Served as co-counsel to Department of Justice attorneys to file and negotiate cost recovery actions for two Superfund Sites.
- Counseled program staff regarding an application for a Clean Water Act permit waiver, and federal consultation requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Boston, MA July 1999 - July 2003 Deputy Director of Community Preservation: Served in a wide variety of roles to help manage public policy, outreach and education program regarding smart growth management.

- Assisted in development of new directives for the program.
- Helped manage completion, interpretation and presentation of buildout maps and analyses, based on municipal zoning, to all 351 Massachusetts communities.
- Planned and executed 26 large-scale educational summits and numerous trainings for municipal officials and residents.
- Conducted numerous presentations to municipal officials and the general public about growth management techniques.
- Researched and wrote public documents, brochures, policy papers and correspondence.
- Designed and managed data-driven website with specific content for each of Massachusetts'
   351 communities.
- Managed completion of 2002 State of Environment book on future of Massachusetts communities.
- Received (with team members) numerous awards, including 2002 Achievement in Smart Growth Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, DC

August 1995 - February 1997

Policy Associate: Served as key researcher and writer in organization's foundational years.

- Wrote and edited weekly *Waste Basket* and *Green Scissors* fax/e-mail reports on full range of federal taxpayer issues.
- Wrote and edited number of full-length reports on wasteful government projects in the federal military, transportation and environmental budgets.
- Communicated with Congressional staffs, tracked Congressional issues and wrote letters to members of Congress.
- Designed, coded, and managed organization's web site and coordinated all internet services.
- Communicated and organized regularly with nation-wide network of grassroots organizations.

### **EDUCATION**

## Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA J.D., May 2006

Honors: 2005-2006 Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation Environmental Fellow. One of ten New England graduate student scholarship recipients selected for a demonstrated commitment and potential to affect environmental protection.

Environmental and Land Use Related Coursework: Administrative Law, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Clean Water Act, Federal Courts, Land Use Law, Legal Issues in Land Conservation Transactions, Legislation, Ocean and Coastal Law, Public Health Law, Real Estate Transactions, State and Local Government, Wildlife Law.

Legal Internships: Served as legal intern, providing legal research, writing and support in variety of settings, for equivalent of one year.

- Alston, Hunt, Floyd and Ing, Honolulu, HI (March May 2006).
- Pickett, Miyares and Harrington, Watertown, MA (September November 2005).
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I, Boston, MA (March May 2005).
- Massachusetts Land Court, Boston, MA, (September November 2004).

#### Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

B.A., May 1995, Double major: Environmental Studies and Politics

High Honors: Researched and wrote 200-page thesis on environmental implications of political economic globalization, including the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

International Honors Program: Participated in two-semester program entitled, "Global Ecology: Society, Culture and Sustainability," incorporating studies in ecology, economics, politics, and sustainable development.

- Studied in England, Austria, Hungary, India, Thailand, New Zealand, Mexico, and Belize.
- Researched and wrote 80-page thesis on relationship of varying democratic forms of governments to environmental sustainability (September 1993 – May 1994).

#### **BAR ADMISSION**

Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, November 2006.