

# **ROBERT M. ANDERSEN**

## **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING**, 2016 to Present **Contact:** (480) 687-9752, [Rob70Andy@icloud.com](mailto:Rob70Andy@icloud.com)

**ADJUNCT FACULTY**, University of Iowa, College of Law, 2023; (623)265-9317, [robert-andersen@uiowa.edu](mailto:robert-andersen@uiowa.edu)

## **PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**PROFESSORIAL LECTURER**, George Washington University, Dep't of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering, Environment and Energy Management Program, 1994 to 2015

**PARTNER and PRACTICE GROUP LEADER, Environment, Energy & Natural Resources**, Clark Hill PLC, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. Building, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20004. 2012-2016

**PARTNER**, Akerman Senterfitt, LLP Washington DC; **CHAIR, Environment and Natural Resources Practice and Chair, Energy and Utilities Practice**, January 2008 to December 2011.

**SENIOR COUNSEL**, Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP 1101 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC.2005,  
March 2004 to January 2008 (formerly with **LeBoeuf Lamb** from 2004 to 2006).

**CHIEF COUNSEL**, UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 441 G. St. NW, Washington, DC October 1998 to March 2004 (Senior Executive Service (SES-06)

**GENERAL COUNSEL**, DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD, May 1990 to Oct.1998 (SES-06).

**DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL**, including service as **SENIOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN ANTARCTICA**, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, October 1986 to May 1990. (SES-03)

**DEPUTY REGIONAL COUNSEL AND REGIONAL JUDICIAL OFFICER**, UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), REGION V, May 1984 to September 1986.

**BRANCH CHIEF FOR WATER, TOXIC SUBSTANCES, AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**,  
September  
1982 to May 1984; **ASSISTANT REGIONAL COUNSEL**, EPA, REGION V, February 1980 to September 1982,

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS PRACTICE**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1978 to 1980.

**ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY**, Cleveland, Ohio, 1976 to 1978.

**INSTRUCTOR IN PHARMACY LAW, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, 1975.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER USE PLANNING, OMAHA/COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY, 1972 to 1973.**

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND HONORS**

**JD DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, COLLEGE OF LAW, May 1976**

- ◆ Degree conferred with high distinction.
- ◆ Articles Editor, Iowa Law Review, Volume 61, 1975-76
- ◆ John F. Murray Scholarship, 1975-76; Honors in Appellate Advocacy
- ◆ Fellowship grant to study Economics and the Law, First National Economics Institute for Law and Economics

**MPA DEGREE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, June 1986, with study emphasis on Leadership and Environment and Natural Resources Policy.**

- ◆ Named Lucius N. Littauer Fellow for academic excellence at Harvard(3.90 on a converted 4.0 scale) and public service, and leadership in the environmental field.

**BS DEGREE IN GENERAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, May 1972**

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Andersen, **Nuclear Power's Role in Meeting Energy Demand While Combating Global Warming and Climate Change**, 111 Iowa Law Review \_\_\_ (Jan. 2026).

Andersen, **Galileo's Advocate: Lessons from Collisions at the Intersection of Law, Science, and Politics** (in preparation; expected publication date December 2027).

Andersen & Melnyk, **Offshore Power: Building Renewable Energy Projects in U.S. Waters** (PennWell 2009)

Andersen & Gavin, **Nuclear Power Projects** (International Bar Association 2009)

**Protecting the Water Sector from Security Threats: The Emerging Legal and Policy Frameworks** (National Association of Clean Water Agencies et al, publishers 2007)

Andersen & Freeman, **Stemming the Tide of Terrorism**, Water and Wastewater Products (Jan. 2005)

Andersen, **Leading International Efforts to Improve Environmental Controls in Antarctica While Navigating National Politics**, 2 Georgetown International Environmental Law Review 303-351, (Volume VI, 1994).

Andersen, **Chapter 11: Government Searches and Private Inspections**, in ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PRACTICE GUIDE (Matthew Bender & Co., August 1992)

Andersen & Rudolph, **On Solid International Ground in Antarctica: A U.S. Strategy for Regulating Environmental Impact on the Continent**, 26 Stanford Journal of International Law 931-51(1990).

Andersen, **A National Science Foundation Strategy for Compliance with Environmental Law in Antarctica** (NSF Publication No. 90-4, Dec. 29, 1989).

Andersen, **Technology, Pollution Control, and EPA Access to Commercial Property: A Constitutional and Policy Framework**, 17 Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review 1-75 (1989).

Andersen, **Select Legal Provisions Regulating Scientific Misconduct in Federally Supported Research Programs**, in PROJECT ON SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT: REPORT ON WORKSHOP NUMBER THREE (American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1989).

Andersen, **The Federal Government's Role in Regulating Misconduct in Scientific and Technological Research**, 3 Georgetown Journal of Law & Technology 121-48 (1988), reprinted in Hearings on Maintaining the Integrity of Scientific Research before the Subcommittee Investigations and Oversight of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 101st Cong., 1st Sess. at 826-84 (June 28, 1989, U.S. Government Printing Office).

Andersen, **The Past as Both Barrier and Stimulus to Creative Decision-Making** in A SHARING OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE, Volume V (American Society of Association Executives, 1987).

Andersen, **Freedom of Speech as an Adjunct to the Free Exercise of Religion**, in GOD'S THINGS AND CAESAR'S: A REVIEW OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT RELIGION CLAUSES (Thomas More Society, 1979).

Note, **Federal Genesis for Comprehensive Protection of Student Educational Record Rights: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974**, 61 Iowa Law Review 74-127 (1975).

Comment, **Injunctions, The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Fourth Circuit's Chimera of Revocability**, 60 Iowa Law Review 362-77 (1974).

## **CIVIC AND GOVERNMENTAL AWARDS**

SES Rank Award of Distinguished Executive from President Clinton, 1995, highest award conferred upon career members of the Senior Executive Service.

SES Rank Award of Meritorious Executive from President Bush, 1992.

Reuters "DC Super Lawyers" (Environment) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Meritorious Service Medal, United States Army, 2004

Meritorious Service Medal, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 1998

National Science Foundation's Meritorious Service Award in 1990.

Agency Nominee for the Justice Tom C. Clark Award in 1992 and 1989.

National Science Foundation's and U.S. Navy's Antarctic Service Medal; National Science Foundation's Antarctic Medallion, 1990.

Named a 1986 Lucius N. Littauer Fellow by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government based, in part, upon government service in the environmental field.

EPA Special Act Awards for leadership in 1985 and 1982.

Federal Bar Association's (Chicago Chapter) Judge Frank J. McGarr Award for Outstanding Government Attorney in 1983.

EPA's Bronze Medal for exemplary government service in 1982.

Nominee for Federal Bar Association's Milton Gordon Award in 1982.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP IN BARS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Iowa Law School Foundation
- ◆ Supreme Court of the United States
- ◆ Supreme Courts of Iowa and Ohio (by examination 1976) (retired status)
- ◆ DC Court of Appeals (2006) (active)
- ◆ United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal, D.C., 2nd, 6th, & 7th Circuits
- ◆ Numerous Federal District Courts throughout the United States
- ◆ United States Court of Federal Claims
- ◆ Member, Advisory Council, United States Court of Federal Claims, 1998-2006
- ◆ Former Principal, Council for Excellence in Government

**Personal:** Married to Natalia Andersen with two children, Erica and Amelia Andersen. Excellent Health

**Interests:** Mountaineering: climbed on all seven continents; numismatics; hiking; chess; and writing.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Consultant to Fortune 100 companies in waste management and recycling, renewable energy, manufacturing, mining, oil and gas, auto, and nuclear energy industries regarding engineering and legal issues. At Iowa University, developed and taught Nation's only law course covering nuclear energy and the environment. At George Washington University, developed one of the nation's first graduate courses in the emerging field of environmental security, and taught environmental and energy courses to engineering and law students covering environmental disaster management, climate change, water pollution, water sector security, radioactive waste management, hazardous and toxic waste management, energy management/policy, and engineering law.

As the fifth Chief Counsel in the history of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, advised the Chief of Engineers on the full range of administrative and substantive laws governing the Corps, including Clean Water Act wetlands protection issues. Provided legal advice and litigation support for the Corps of Engineers' Everglades Restoration Program including two cases that reached the Supreme Court. In 2002, wrote the first environmental operating and sustainability principles ever adopted by the Corps. Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, inspected the sites and advised the Command, the FBI, and first responders on vital Corps response, recovery, and restoration activity in New York and at the Pentagon. Supervision of the Corps 400 attorneys worldwide was reorganized under my direction with the approval of the Chief of Engineers. Managed an administrative and judicial docket of approximately one thousand cases a year with a success rate of well over 95%. Served on the Advisory Council to the Federal Court of Claims. The Administration ranked the Corps Alternative Disputes Resolution Program in 2001 as the best in the Executive Branch.

As the first General Counsel of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), assisted in the startup of the newly created agency by drafting all procedures and regulations necessary for agency operation. Investigated ES&H violations throughout the DOE nuclear complex and drafted Board corrective action submitted to the Secretary of Energy. Negotiated an agreement with EPA, DOE, and the State of Colorado allowing the joint cleanup of the Rock Flats nuclear facility. Filed Board documents with a federal district court that paved the way for the opening of the Nation's first and only nuclear waste repository, the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP). Served as special assistant to two Attorneys General for DNFSB litigation that reached the Supreme Court.

As Deputy General Counsel of NSF, served briefly as Senior US Representative in Antarctica and developed cradle-to-grave waste management and pollution control plans for all U.S. bases on the Continent. The plans were adopted by NSF, supported by the President, funded by Congress, and implemented on the Continent. Wrote the Executive Branch bill which was eventually enacted by Congress as the 1996 amendments to the Antarctic Conservation Act. Negotiated an emergency international agreement for cleanup of oil spill near Janis Island caused by the wreck of an Argentine ship, the Bahia Paraiso in 1989. Awarded National Science Foundation's Meritorious Service Medal and U.S. Navy's Antarctic Service Medal, as well as Senior Executive Service's Presidential Rank Awards of Meritorious and Distinguished Executive, based primarily upon work in Antarctica and in the field of nuclear waste management. At NSF, wrote and promulgated the Nation's first regulation of scientific misconduct in government funded research and then testified before Congress regarding the regulations' successful implementation. *See* Hearings on Maintaining the Integrity of Scientific Research before the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 101st Cong., 1st Sess. at 82684 (June 28, 1989).

Led a unit at USEPA Region V that was responsible for successful prosecution of over 95% of all Clean Water and Toxic Substances enforcement cases **nationwide**, despite anti-enforcement policies of then Administrator Gorsuch. Supervised successful defense of EPA's right to access private property under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Superfund. Personally litigated and secured the first Toxic Substances Control Act Section 7 TRO in federal court, preventing release of hundreds of thousands of gallons of PCB contaminated oil into the Mississippi River during a flood. As Regional Judicial Officer in Region V, issued hundreds of decisions, none of which was overturned in court. Developed programs and secured Legislative and Executive Branch authorization for innovative excepted service programs for honors graduates, allowing the hiring promoting, and retaining of highly qualified and diverse professional staff at NSF, DNFSB, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.