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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I have over twenty years of experience working in the legal profession as a Paralegal with the focus on civil litigation. Most recently, I have concentrated my work on commercial fisheries operations under the new West Coast catch share program. I have worked with fishermen and environmental interests in developing an overfished species risk pool model in California. I have been involved in project development and management for Groundfish fishing operations off the waters of California.

EXPERIENCE

Fort Bragg Groundfish Association, (FBGA) Ft. Bragg, California – Project Manager 2010 – present

- Project Lead in developing Risk Pool Agreement and Regional Fishing Plans
- Manage volumes of fishery data to support avoidance of overfished species (OFS)
- Collaborate with environmental interests for successful management of OFS
- Risk Pool Board member to carry out functions of the Risk Pool

Point Arena Cable Committee, Inc. (PACC) Ft. Bragg, California – Paralegal 2009-2010

- Liaison between PACC and The Martin Law Group on rule setting for proposed Amendment 20 and 21 of the Magnusson Stevens Act being developed by NOAA, National Marine Fishery Service, and Pacific Fisheries Management Council.
- Prepare testimony and testify at hearings, collaborate with The Martin Law Group on legal strategy.
- Maintain relations and communications with Representative Mike Thompson's local and DC office

Law Offices of John J. Ruprecht, Fort Bragg, California – Paralegal 1993-2002

- Trial preparation in civil litigation (personal injury, wrongful death, and products liability).
- Organized trial binders, exhibits, subpoenas, and coordinated with expert witnesses.
- Managed pre-trial discovery, depositions & deadlines.
- Draft discovery requests, summarized depositions & complex medical records.
- Legal research, draft correspondence, discovery, and pleadings.

EDUCATION

Empire College [School of Law], Santa Rosa, CA
Certified paralegal - graduate with Honors.

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PERSONAL

Married with two children
Forty-eight year resident of California
Third generation commercial fishing family
Interests: triathlons, sports, raising animals
Professional interests: School board trustee, economic fishery development, youth leadership development

REFERENCES

Promptly provided upon request.