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Mr. Wielga has over twenty years direct experience with human rights in action. He had actively promoted a clear understanding of governmental and corporate duties toward human rights in his professional and academic activities. His human rights background includes, for example:

- Over ten years working pro bono with death row inmates in Texas, USA
- Board position on the Colorado Lawyers Committee (f/k/a Colorado Lawyers Committee for human rights)
- Work on health impact assessments in Africa and Asia
- Training and assisting in creating programs for multinational corporations on health impact assessments
- Managed litigation with large community relations, environmental and health component in Africa
- Facilitating use of transparent regulatory environmental reporting in Africa
- Management of significant environmental, political and human rights dispute in Asia, involving academics, local government, regional government, national government, NGO's and multinational corporation
- Large multi-year environmental dispute in South America involving three communities and large multinational mining company
- Teaching law school classes on and involving the development and application of human rights in a national and international context
- Peace Corps volunteer in education in West Kasai Province, Congo (then Zaire)

Legal experience includes over twenty years in litigation. As an attorney, Mr. Wielga has represented clients in the pre-trial, trial and appeal stages in federal, state, bankruptcy and probate courts as well as arbitrations and regulatory hearings throughout the United States. He specializes in high stakes, complex trials representing plaintiffs and defendants. Mr. Wielga has litigated and tried a wide variety of cases involving environmental and natural resources issues.

Mr. Wielga works with clients in need of understanding, articulating and even forming local practices, regulations and laws. Often, international legal structures such as treaties, international arbitrations or international guidelines are used to bolster national regulatory regimes. He has worked with companies and regulators in South America, Asia, Australia and Africa to help ensure key regulatory processes are open, fair and clear.

Mr. Wielga received his undergraduate degree from St. Johns College in Annapolis, Maryland and his J.D. from the University Of Chicago School Of Law. He is a member of the Bar of the Courts of Colorado, the Ninth and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He has been admitted pro hac vice in virtually every major metropolitan area in the United States. Mr. Wielga has long been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Denver College of Law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1999 to Present: Partner, Temkin Wielga Hardt & Longenecker LLP, Denver,

1985- 1999: Partner, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, Denver, Colorado, Litigation Group, and Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, Denver, Colorado Litigation Group.

1996-: Adjunct Professor, University of Denver School of Law

1980 to 1982: Volunteer - United States Peace Corp, Mweka, West Kasai, Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Taught high school physics and mathematics and involved in a variety of community development activities.

EDUCATION:

University of Chicago School of Law (J. D. 1985)

Assisted The Honorable Edward H. Levi, with his work Elements of the Law.

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland (B.A. 1980)