

Getting Rights of Way Right – Speaker biographies

Patrick Asay, MAI, SRWA, CPA, NorthWestern Energy



Patrick Asay is the Manager of Lands and Permitting for NorthWestern Energy (NWE), a regional utility based in Montana. In his 33 years of real estate and permitting experience, Pat has worked on a variety of electric, natural gas and generation projects throughout the west. He is an expert in right of way acquisition and valuation issues, as well as environmental permitting of utility projects.

While working on NorthWestern's Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI), Pat was responsible for developing valuation and innovative right of way acquisition strategies for the 450 mile merchant 500 kV line. As part of this project, NWE commissioned the first comprehensive study of the impacts of high voltage transmission lines on real estate values in Montana.

Pat has been active in the International Right of Way Association and the Appraisal Institute and earned professional designations from both organizations. He is a past Chair of the Montana Board of Real Estate Appraisers, and served on the Institute's National Board of Directors and recently stepped down as Chair of the National Audit Committee. He is also a licensed real estate broker and Certified Public Accountant.

As a Montanan Pat understands that property rights are important to landowners, as a result he has spent his career learning the balance between rights and responsibilities involved in the acquisition process.

Pat lives near Bozeman Montana surrounded by beautiful scenery, great fishing and an unspecified number of vintage guitars. He can be reached at pat.asay@northwestern.com.

Carl Borgquist, Absaroka Energy



Mr. Borgquist is responsible for Absaroka Energy's corporate strategy, management and operations. As a founding partner of Absaroka Energy, he is focused on harnessing Montana's abundant alternative energy resources as well as the skilled and talented work force to bring to fruition the significant economic potential of wind energy.

Mr. Borgquist is actively engaged in the renewable energy community nationally, regionally and locally. With long-term experience in capital markets, finance and renewable energy development, he is a sought after presenter and leader contributing to infrastructure development

and our national energy policy. Locally, Mr. Borgquist has served his community as Board President for the Gallatin Valley Humane Society, a founding member of the YMCA, serving as a Board Member for the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation Board, and as an elected trustee of the State Bar of Montana.

Mr. Borgquist previously served as a District Attorney for Alameda County, in the US Navy as a Naval Judge Advocate, as an Assistant United States Attorney, and with the Davison Companies and Davidson Trust Company as Director of Wealth Management. He has been heavily involved in wind power development since 2005. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration from California State University and a law degree from the University of San Francisco.

Tim Carlsgaard, Xcel Energy

Tim Carlsgaard is manager of communications and public affairs for Xcel Energy. He is responsible for designing and implementing communications and public affairs activities for major transmission line expansion projects in the Upper Midwest, Colorado and Texas, including CapX2020 and Power for the Plains.

Prior to joining the Xcel Energy, Tim worked overseas for the United Nations and he spent more than a decade working in the U.S. Senate. Tim is a graduate of Arizona State University.

Dave Ditto



Mr. Ditto is a licensed attorney in Wyoming and Colorado. He focuses his practice primarily on real estate matters, including eminent domain and easement litigation. His cases include condemnations and easement litigation for pipelines, power lines, fiber optics, telecommunications, railroads, highways, airports, subsurface gas storage, and other public and private facilities. He has successfully secured temporary restraining orders or injunctions in a number of cases to prevent interference with construction or operation of pipelines, power lines, fiber optics, and other linear facilities. He often defends related claims for trespass and inverse condemnation.

Mr. Ditto authored the [“Wyoming Handbook” on Easements, Eminent Domain and Split Estates](#), and he also provides a one day seminar, annually, on easements and eminent domain. He has been appointed Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wyoming to represent the Wyoming Department of Transportation in highway condemnations. He has been chosen by the American Bar Association’s Eminent Domain Committee to author the Wyoming Chapter on Eminent Domain Law for its 50 State Compendium.

Before joining Associated Legal Group, Mr. Ditto practiced in Holland & Hart's Cheyenne, Wyoming office for several years. Prior to that he lived and practiced in Denver, Colorado at Rothgerber, Appel, Powers & Johnson.

Mr. Ditto has lectured and written articles for various special interest groups including the Wyoming State Bar Association, National Business Institute, Lorman Education Services, Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association, Wyoming Claims Association, Council on Education in Management and Wyoming Hospital Association.

Professional Memberships

- Wyoming State Bar Association
- Colorado State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International Right of Way Association
- Graduate, National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Admitted to practice in Colorado and Wyoming federal courts, state courts, and U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Doug Dockter, P.E., Idaho Power Company



Doug began his professional career in 1991 at Albertson's, Inc. in Boise, Idaho working on electrical plans and specifications for Albertson's new and remodel grocery stores after graduating from Montana State University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He received his P.E. License in 1997, and also became an Engineering Supervisor for Albertson's that year.

In 1998 Doug joined Idaho Power Company as a Transmission Engineer and worked in that capacity until 2004 when he became a Project Leader, responsible for managing transmission line and substation projects.

Doug was presented the opportunity in 2007 and became the Engineering Leader for the Transmission & Distribution Design group as a Temporary Duty assignment, which included supervising Transmission Engineers, Distribution Designers, Right-of-Way Agents and the Joint Use team. Doug accepted his next position in April, 2008 as the 500 kV Engineering Project Leader, responsible for supervising three Project Leaders, two Facility Siting Coordinators and managing Idaho Power's 500 kV projects. These projects included the construction of the Hemingway Station, permitting Boardman to Hemingway project, and permitting the Gateway West project. Doug then transferred into his next position of Manager, Delivery Projects in early 2010 which expanded his responsibilities to include Project Portfolio Management, Project Cost and Controls, and Transmission and Distribution Projects as well as the 500 kV Projects. In 2012 Doug accepted the position of Manager, 500 kV projects to allow him to focus on completing the permitting of both the Boardman to Hemingway project and the

Gateway West project and is presently in this position with Idaho Power Company. Doug currently resides in Boise, Idaho with his wife and two daughters.

Mark Fix, Northern Plains Resource Council



Mark owns a 9700 acre ranch 20 miles southwest of Miles City, Montana. Mark grew up on a ranch near Ekalaka, Montana and after he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, he worked for Boeing for 13 years as a Manufacturing Engineer and a Mechanical Test Engineer. In 1991 Mark and Debbie bought the ranch where they now live. Shortly after they bought the ranch they discovered that 3 miles of the ranch would be crossed by the Tongue River Railroad. Mark ended up joining Northern Plains Resource Council shortly after they bought the ranch and started fighting the Tongue River Railroad. Mark was a past chair of Northern Plains and served several years on the Northern Plains Board. Mark is still active on the Coal Task Force and the Tongue River Railroad Task Force and the Eminent Domain Committee. Mark and Debbie have 3 sons and raise cattle and irrigated alfalfa on the ranch.

Lynn Greene, Lucky Corridor, LLC



Lynn Chapman Greene has practiced law in the Denver area for 33 years. Before founding the Lucky Corridor project in 2007, she was a partner and Chair of the Energy Group at the Denver law firm Moye White LLP, and there represented landowners owning over 200,000 acres of land containing first rate clean energy resources. From 2006 to 2009, Lynn served as a business development consultant for an affiliate of TEPCO, the principal utility of Japan. Since 2009, Lynn has focused on managing the \$320,000,000 merchant transmission project owned by Lucky Corridor, LLC, where she serves as President/CEO. In October of 2012, Lucky Corridor won negotiated rate authority from the FERC.

The Lucky Corridor project proposes to upgrade 93 miles of 115 kV transmission to double circuit 230 kV in order to move electricity made from New Mexico's first rate gas, wind and solar resources toward the Four Corners trading hub. At Four Corners, old coal plants are being retired and existing transmission accesses population centers in various Western states, where there is demand for electricity made from clean energy resources. Lucky Corridor proposes to use an existing right-of-way, which has to be widened in a few areas owned by private citizens and the State of New Mexico.

In earlier years of her practice, Lynn worked internationally on telecommunications infrastructure projects, and in Colorado on real estate development projects involving the installation of water, sewer, and road infrastructure.

Lynn is a member and current or former director and/or officer of Conservation Colorado, Colorado Independent Energy Association, Colorado Renewable Energy Society, and the Committee to Preserve Perry Park's Water. She obtained her doctorate of law from the University of Colorado.

Van Jamison, Gaelectric North America



Van Jamison is Vice President of Strategic Operations at Gaelectric. Immediately prior to his appointment to Gaelectric's management team, Jamison was the founder and President of POWAIR, Inc., a consulting company that develops wind project sites and offers environmental and energy expertise.

Previously, Jamison was the Administrator of the Energy and the Planning, Prevention and Assistance Divisions within the Montana Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation and Environmental Quality, respectively. In those capacities, Jamison directed programs to research and develop renewable energy conversion technologies and expand energy production from renewable sources.

Jamison was a founding member of the National Wind Coordinating Committee and chaired its Avian Subcommittee. Jamison also served on the board of Directors of the National Association of State Energy Officials and chaired its Electricity and Siting Committee.

Gaelectric North America Inc. is a member of the Gaelectric LLC group of companies based in Dublin, Ireland. The North America venture has offices in Chicago, Illinois, Great Falls, Montana and Clarkston, Washington. Gaelectric North America actively partners with landowners and local communities to develop sustainable wind energy projects.

C. Kelly Kraushaar, Southern California Edison

C. Kelly Kraushaar is the Manager of Major Transmission & Substation Acquisitions, in the Real Properties Department of Southern California Edison. Kelly has been with Southern California Edison for thirty years. The majority of this time has been spent in the Real Properties Department managing groups responsible for the acquisition, management and disposal of property used for transmission rights of way and substations (both fee and easement). Most recently, Kelly has led acquisition teams engaged in acquiring right of way easements and fee properties in support of Southern California Edison's major transmission infrastructure build

out program. This has included the Tehachapi Renewables Transmission Project, where more than 900 fee and easement acquisitions were completed. The acquisitions have been performed in diverse urban and rural areas from a wide variety of property owners.

Kelly lives in Garden Grove, California with his wife and two children. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from California State University, Long Beach and a Masters of Business Administration, Finance from San Diego State University.

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Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group



Susan Lee is Vice President, San Francisco Operations at Aspen Environmental Group. Ms. Lee has over 28 years of technical and managerial experience in environmental assessment, and with nearly 20 years at Aspen, she currently manages Aspen's San Francisco Office. Her expertise is in management of environmental assessment for infrastructure and energy projects (renewable energy projects, electric transmission lines, pipelines, and gas-fired power plants) under both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Ms. Lee has managed preparation of several major and controversial transmission line and pipeline siting EIR/EISs. In addition, she has managed preparation of EIRs for large solar photovoltaic projects, and contributed to Energy Commission Staff Assessments for 7 utility-scale solar thermal projects. Her project experience includes the following:

- **Western Governors' Association Transmission Permitting Processes.** Ms. Lee led Aspen's 2012 effort to provide guidance to the WGA and western state officials on the permitting processes for large interstate transmission lines. The team developed recommendations for permit efficiencies and improved state-federal coordination, in coordination with the federal "Rapid Response Team for Transmission" process.

- **California Public Utilities Commission CEQA and NEPA Analysis of Infrastructure Projects.**

Ms. Lee is Aspen's primary point of contact for our ongoing support to the CPUC. Some of the major projects she has managed include the following:

SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project EIR/EIS (BLM, CPUC, USFS)
SCE Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 EIR/EIS (BLM, CPUC, USFS, USFWS)
PG&E Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Project (CPUC)
PG&E Northeast San Jose Transmission Reinforcement Project (CPUC)
PG&E Tri-Valley 230 kV Upgrade Project (CPUC)
SCE Colorado River Substation Supplemental EIR (CPUC, BLM)
PG&E Los Banos-Gates (Path 15) 500 kV Transmission Project Supplemental EIR

- **California Energy Commission Support to Generation Siting.** Ms. Lee has supported Energy Commission staff for 12 years. She has prepared alternatives analyses for 17 generation or transmission projects throughout the State, and she has also contributed to several

special project reports. She has participated in numerous public workshops and hearings around the state, and completed Expert Witness Training. Other CEC projects include:

- **Siting Processes:** In 2011 and 2012, Ms. Lee managed an effort to compare the siting processes for the CEC and the CPUC.
- **Corridor Modeling:** From 2005 through 2011, Ms. Lee managed a transmission corridor modeling project, **Planning Alternative Corridors for Transmission (PACT)**, in conjunction with the CEC PIER Environmental Program.
- **Academic Background**
 - MS, Applied Earth Science, Stanford University
 - BA, Geology, Oberlin College

John Lupo, Xcel Energy



John Lupo manages Xcel Energy's Siting & Land Rights (S&LR) group in Denver, Colorado, overseeing land planning, permitting and acquisition efforts for utility developments in Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico. He has over 14 years of experience in managing complex and often-controversial facility siting and environmental planning projects for electric transmission lines, high-pressure gas lines, and power plants.

Previously, John was with Xcel Energy's Resource Planning & Acquisition department, where he contributed to the development of Integrated Resource Plans for Public Service Company of Colorado and Northern States Power Company ("NSP"). In this role he acted as project manager for several competitive resource solicitations and evaluations for conventional and renewable energy supply sources. He was also director of Xcel Energy's Renewable Development Fund, an NSP program.

Prior to joining Xcel Energy, John was a senior associate with Hammer, Siler, George Associates, a national economic land development consultancy. He also practiced landscape architecture and land use planning with the Winter Park ski area and Gage Davis Associates.

John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from Penn State University and a Masters of Urban & Regional Planning degree from the University of Colorado. He has sponsored written and oral testimony before Colorado and Minnesota regulatory agencies, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Pete McMorris, Sempra Energy - San Diego Gas & Electric



Pete McMorris is a Principal Right of Way Agent for Sempra Energy – San Diego Gas & Electric. His work entails right of way project management and acquisition of land rights for major projects, including complex fee acquisitions involving residential and business displacement/relocation, loss of business goodwill valuation, machinery and equipment valuation and eminent domain support.

Prior to joining Sempra Energy in 2002, Pete worked as a Right of Way Agent for the California Department of Transportation for twelve years, negotiating the purchase or exchange of real property interests for the construction of state and interstate highway projects. Other experience includes title work as a Title Officer for Chicago Title Insurance Company and as an independent contractor title examiner.

Pete holds a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and a law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego.

Bill Midcap, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union



Bill Midcap is Director for External Affairs at Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. He is a lifelong resident of Morgan County, Colorado, where he owned and operated Midcap Farms for many years. Bill became interested in energy issues when elected to serve as a director of Morgan County Rural Electric Association in 1990. Bill is still very involved with rural electrics and serves as the vice-chair of Colorado Rural Electric Association, the state-wide trade association of Colorado's rural electrics. Bill has served as a delegate to the Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association and is the chair of the Colorado Electric Education

Committee. He is a past-president of the board of directors for the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association, and an active board member since 1992. Mid-West is a regional coalition of consumer-owned utilities, REAs, public power districts, and municipal electric utilities. They purchase hydropower generated at federal multi-purpose projects in the Missouri River basin.

Midcap works with individuals, community groups, and electric utilities to encourage development of local renewable energy projects, to determine barriers and solutions for project development, and to conduct rural business development. He fosters outreach to rural groups and develops business models to support clean energy development and energy efficiency.

Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association



Mr. Rice is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Montana Stockgrowers Association Inc. (MSGA Inc.)

Mr. Rice has led efforts to produce a more strategically aligned portfolio of key initiatives for both MSGA Inc. and the global ranching community. He has led development efforts in all facets of the U.S. beef export outreach strategies to emerging markets such as Cuba and the 21 economies of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation. He has testified regularly before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on promoting trade and the passage of the U.S. Korea Free Trade Agreement. In 2011 Mr. Rice was appointed by the President of the United States to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade (ATAC), a private sector body that provides technical advice on U.S. agricultural trade issues to the Secretary of Agriculture, the U.S. Trade Representative and the President of the United States.

Prior to joining MSGA Inc. Mr. Rice began his career at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in both Denver, Colorado and Washington D.C. He was engaged principally in facilitating and implementing strategic solutions to the organization's complex communications, policy, federal agency and government affairs platforms. He also led a centralized effort to expand organizational opportunities for the U.S. beef industry's live cattle marketing sector. From there, Mr. Rice rose through positions in both beef production marketing at Edwards Angus Ranch and politics to offer MSGA Inc. a unique blend of executive acumen, global perspective, professional team building and operational enhancement.

Mr. Rice is a Trustee and Secretary of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site Foundation, National Board of Advisors to the Montana State University Leadership Institute, Fellow of Columbia University's, American Assembly Next Generation Project, "U.S. Global Policy and the Future of International Institutions." He also serves on the Board of Verified Beef LLC a global beef traceability company and is a member of the Montana World Trade Center. In 2011 Mr. Rice was named "Top Ten" industry leaders under forty by *Cattle Business Weekly*.

Mr. Rice holds an Executive Masters in Business Administration (Expected 2014) from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education and Extension from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, and has achieved certification in Executive Leadership from Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Mark Stermitz, Crowley Fleck PLLP



Mark Stermitz is a partner in the Missoula, Montana office of Crowley Fleck, PLLP. He is the chair of the firm's Environmental Law Practice Group. Mark focuses primarily on energy and natural resource development and litigation in the West, and maintains an active commercial litigation caseload.

2013 is Mark's 30th year as a Montana lawyer, but his vagabondage includes service as a Trial Attorney in the Environment & Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C., and in-house counsel for the Port of Portland, Oregon. Before joining Crowley Fleck, Mark was with a prominent Los Angeles law firm where, among other things, he was responsible for energy and environmental issues on MGM Mirage's Project City Center development in Las Vegas.

Mark is currently licensed in Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, and California, and when he is not taking bar exams or CLE credits, actively practices in those jurisdictions.

Jim Tarpey, Colorado Public Utilities Commission



Jim Tarpey was appointed as a Commissioner of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Bill Ritter, Jr., and began serving on January 2, 2008. On December 12, 2008, he was reappointed to a full four-year term that expires in January, 2013. On November 2, 2012, Gov. John Hickenlooper reappointed Jim to another four-year term, effective January 7, 2013 for a term expiring in January 2017.

As an attorney, Jim has extensive experience with utility matters. He participated in numerous regulatory proceedings involving alternative forms of regulation (e.g., incentive ratemaking, performance-based pricing, indexing, and discounted rate structures); rate related issues (e.g., revenue requirements, cost allocation, rate design, adjustment clauses, prudence reviews); territorial, and certificate disputes; and issues related to local telecommunication markets and the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Jim appeared often before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, the Wyoming Public Service Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission litigating complex utility issues and negotiating settlements of multi-million dollar disputes.

In 2004 Jim was appointed by Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal to the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, a state instrumentality with funding authority whose goals include improving the state's electric transmission system, facilitating the increased utilization of Wyoming's coal and wind resources, and coordinating with other states in the western system power grid to address transmission constraints.

From 2001 through 2007, Jim was in private practice and generally represented energy consumers in utility proceedings. From 1996 through 2000, he was a business executive involved in regulatory matters. From 1977 through 1996, he was in private practice and represented various utilities. Prior to private practice, he was an Administrative Law Judge for the Colorado PUC and an Assistant Attorney General representing the Colorado PUC. From 1968 through 1972 he was a Special Agent with the FBI.

Jim received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Saint John's University in 1965 and a law degree from Fordham University in 1968.

Todd Voorhees, San Diego Gas and Electric



Todd Voorhees is the public affairs manager for San Diego Gas & Electric's Sunrise Powerlink Transmission line project. Previously, Voorhees held the position of vice president of the Downtown San Diego Partnership and facilitated development of a business attraction program for the organization. Voorhees is a former senior policy aide to county Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and former legislative aide to state Senator Jim Battin. His

community involvement includes: Mayor's appointment to the city of Chula Vista Arts and Culture Commission (past chairman); vice president of legislative affairs for the San Diego Navy League (July 2007-June 2009); San Diego City Council appointment to the Downtown Parking Management Group; board member, San Diego Repertory Theater (June 2007-June 2009); former board member, Community Catalysts Housing Alliance; past member, city of San Diego Street Advisory Committee; past member, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure Committee; former mayor's appointee to the city of San Diego Boards and Commissions Recruitment Advisory Group. He attended Sacramento State University and served in the Marine Corps for four years.

Marian Wolcott, Bonneville Power Administration



Marian Wolcott is the Realty Officer for the Bonneville Power Administration. She serves as the Manager of Real Property Services with staff responsible for Geospatial Services, Mapping and Surveying, Valuation and Forestry, Acquisition, Land Management and Project Coordination. In more than 25 years working for BPA, Marian has been involved in many aspects of Real Property Services including danger tree and forestry support, appraisal, estimating, budgeting, contracting, permitting, negotiations and coordination with tribes and other governmental agencies. She represents BPA at many of the public involvement meetings for the environmental process and the potential

impacts that the transmission project may have on the use of their property.

Bret Orr, Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Mr. Orr began doing Wind Energy Development work in 2000. As a consultant, Brent developed his first project located near Peetz, Colorado. During project development, Brent was given responsibility over all phases of development that were required to bring the project to completion. Starting in 2000, it took a little over three years to get the first 60 Megawatt (MW) Wind Energy System in operation. That first 60 MW Wind Farm is operating as Spring Canyon Energy, which is today owned and operated by Invenenergy Wind North America. Two years later construction began on his second project, a 200 MW project located very near the first project. This 200 MW Wind Energy project known as Peetz Table Wind Energy and being operated by a subsidiary company of Florida Power & Light, NextEra Energy. A short time thereafter a third Wind Energy Project was constructed. This project is also operated by NextEra Energy and is known as Logan Wind Energy. This third project is also approximately 200 MW. In addition to these projects, Brent also developed approximately 80 miles of transmission line which was required to get power from the last two projects to the appropriate point of interconnect near Brush, Colorado.

When these projects were finished in about 2007 and Mr. Orr formed Cornerstone TransCo, LLC in Colorado and began doing Wind project development and private transmission development in Eastern Colorado. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Orr established Cornerstone TransCo, LLC of Kansas, then Cornerstone Energy Development of Oklahoma and shortly thereafter, Cornerstone Energy Development, Inc. of the Philippines. Mr. Orr is President of all the Cornerstone Companies. Today these companies hold interest in several private transmission paths under development and roughly 130,000 acres of premium wind resource land with numerous meteorological towers in place gathering wind data. Cumulatively, these projects represent approximately 2,000 MW of Wind Energy Projects under development in Western Kansas and approximately 200 MW of Wind Energy Projects under development in the Philippines.

In 2007, Mr. Orr started a construction company, Wind 2 Wire, LLC that was awarded a bid as the general contractor on a wind turbine project in Northeast Colorado. As the President and CEO of Wind 2 Wire, Mr. Orr was in charge of all phases of the construction process.

Graduate of Sterling College, Sterling Kansas in 1980

Degree: BS in Accounting and Business Administration

Professional Certification: Licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in 1982

- Employed by Certified Public Accounting firm of Bohall & West from 1980 – 1985
- Operated Business Accounting and Tax Practice, Brent Orr, CPA 1986 – 1990
- Established the first Cellular Phone System available to people in Northeast Colorado and served as CEO of that company until it was sold to Nextel in the mid 1990's
- Sold CPA Practice in 1991 and continued doing Business and Tax Consulting from 1991 – 1995
- Began farming and cattle operation in 1989 as a 50% Partner which has operated very successfully for the past 22 + years
- Appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to the Colorado State Economic Development Commission, Board of Directors (2007 – 2009)
- Past Chairman of the Board of a Bank Holding Company
- Director of First FarmBank and FarmBank Holding Company, Greeley, Colorado