



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

January 4, 2022

Acting County Administrator Recommendation for the Pima County Fair Commission

Background

Pursuant to Board of Supervisor Resolution No. 2014-56, the County Administrator shall nominate two (2) members to the Pima County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. The two current appointees of the County Administrator, Marvin Selke and Ronald E. Allen, both serve in terms that expired December 31, 2021 but each may serve until his successor is appointed.

Ms. Maria LaLonde is a local attorney with Fennemore Craig, PC. A former Tucson Business Edge 40 Under 40 Woman of the Year and Vail resident, Ms. LaLonde is an avid horsewoman and has considerable history with the Pima County Fair Commission. She is well known to the Commission and staff, who also recommend her appointment. Ms. LaLonde's resume is attached.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve Ms. Marian LaLonde as the County Administrator's appointee to the Pima County Fair Commission, succeeding Mr. Ron Allen, and serving a term that expires on December 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Leshner", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Jan Leshner
Acting County Administrator

JL/dym – December 29, 2021

Attachment

c: Diane Frisch, Director, Attractions & Tourism

MARIAN C. LALONDE

Education

Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management

- Certificate, Quarles & Brady Leadership Program (2016)

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

- Juris Doctorate, May 2006
 - Successfully Lobbied the Arizona State Legislature for passage of the Emancipation of Minors Law, (A.R.S. 12-2451-12-2456), 2005

University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Tucson, Arizona

- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education; Minor in Political Science; May 2001

Employment

Fennemore Craig, PC (8/2021 – present)

Vice-Chair Natural Resources Practice Group

Primary practice areas: environmental, energy, natural resources, corporations, real estate, tax-exempt organizations and equine.

Quarles & Brady LLP, Partner (4/2015 – 8/2021);

National Vice-Chair Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Practice Group

National Co-Chair Women's Forum

Primary practice areas: environmental, energy, natural resources, tribal, commercial contracting, finance, corporations, real estate, tax-exempt organizations and equine.

- Practice group leadership and management including, strategic planning, recruiting, budgeting, DEI efforts and business development.
- Women's Forum leadership and coordination across all Q&B offices for training, mentoring, networking and business development as well as raising the profile of Q&B nationally for DEI.
- Complex real estate transactions related to the development and operation of renewable energy and mineral properties, including leasing, land use, title review and curatives, maintenance of land holdings, rights-of-way, municipal and tribal negotiations, and environmental permitting and compliance.
- Specialized experience for the development of renewable energy projects on private, federal, tribal and school lands, negotiation of interconnection agreements, PPAs, joint ownership and development agreements, financing, supply agreements and rights to renewable energy credits.
- Negotiation and drafting of commercial agreements across a variety of industries, including large-scale commercial, contracting, supply, and manufacturing for equipment, services, EPC and technology.
- Outside general counsel services for clients including regular interaction with executives and Boards on legal and strategic guidance for project management, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, entity formation, labor and employment and best practices.

Quarles & Brady LLP, Of Counsel (7/2013 - 4/2015);

- Established and promoted the public land and mining practice for Quarles & Brady in the Southwest.
- Counsels clients on growth opportunities; disposition/exit strategies; drafting, negotiating and finalizing purchase/sale agreements and financing documents; conducting due diligence process for acquisitions and sales and advising on general corporate matters such entity formation and corporate governance.
- Lead counsel on a broad range of corporate, finance and real estate transactions including mergers and acquisitions; development and leasing; joint ventures; environmental permitting; financing; subcontracting; and general business operations and planning.

DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, Shareholder (1/2013 –7/2013); Associate (3/2007 –12/2012)

Primary practice areas: civil litigation, corporations, mining, public land, natural resources, environmental, equine, agricultural and administrative law.

- Successfully handled complex real estate and business transactions related to the development of mineral properties including title review and the preparation of mineral title reports, purchase and royalty agreements, land use, right-of-ways, zoning, municipal and tribal negotiations and environmental permitting and regulatory compliance.
- Successfully litigated matters in the area of mineral rights, water rights, landlord/tenant, contracts, personal injury/wrongful death and equine law. Experience includes plaintiff and defense work; court and administrative proceedings.

DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, Law Clerk (5/2004 –12/2006)

General duties included legal writing, researching and analyzing legal issues; accepted employment after graduation.

Pima County Dept. of Environmental Quality, Program Coordinator (9/2001 – 6/2004)

Responsible for writing, coordinating, supervising, and participating in all activities surrounding rule development and implementation for air quality, water quality, and waste in Pima County. Successfully coordinated and implemented Pima County's Natural Events Action Plan in cooperation with EPA and ADEQ.

Professional and Civic Activities

- **Leadership Council on Legal Diversity** (Fellow, 2020)
- **Quarles & Brady Asian Business Resource Group** (Co-Chair 2017-2021)
- **Arizona Women Lawyers Association** - Southern Arizona Chapter Steering Committee (2017- present)
- **Southern Arizona Equestrian Association** - Board of Directors (2015-present)
- **Pima County Air Quality Hearing Board** - (2014-2017)
- **Youth on Their Own** - Board of Directors (2002 - present) currently Ex-Officio Legal Counsel, first Alumni student on the Board of Directors, Board President 2006-2008
- **Community Foundation for So. Arizona** - Board of Trustees (2009-present), Ex-Officio Legal Counsel
- **Department of Agricultural Education, University of AZ** - Advisory Committee (2010 – present)
- **United States Eventing Association** and **Arabian Horse Association** - Regional and National Competitor

Professional Presentations/Publications

- Author with Cynthia A. Faur, George Marek, Pilar M. Thomas, "President Biden Begins to Tackle Climate Change and Environmental Justice through Executive Action," Environmental Law Alert - 3/3/2021
- Presenter with N. Cornell Boggs, III, Li Zhu, Everett S. Ward, William A. Walden, Nicholas H. Meza, "What Every GC, Board, and Corporation Needs to Know About Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Part Two: A Call To Action" Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Webinar - 1/21/2021
- Author with Cynthia A. Faur, George Marek, Pilar M. Thomas, "What to Expect from the Biden Administration: Key Environmental and Natural Resource Issues to Watch" Environmental Law Alert - 11/17/2020
- Presenter with Pilar Thomas, "Tribal Natural Resource Development and Environmental Management" State Bar of Arizona Tribal In-House Counsel Association and Indian Law Section Webinar - 10/28/20
- Presenter with Pilar Thomas, "Tribal Clean Energy Development and Utility Support: Path to Economic Recovery from COVID-19" Quarles & Brady Seminar - 7/9/2020
- Presenter, "Negotiations - Embrace Your Value" University of Arizona Health Sciences Women's Heritage Month Series -3/3/2020
- Presenter, "Negotiations - Embrace Your Value" Women in Energy Symposium - 11/7/2019

- Presenter, "The Legal Role" Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits: Business on Board Workshops - 2/2019, 11/2018, 10/2018, 2/2018, 5/2017
- Presenter, "Negotiations - Embrace Your Value" YWCA Annual Women's Leadership Conference- 10/2019, 10/2018, 10/2017
- Author with Cynthia A. Faur, "President Trump Declares Energy Independence and Changes the Way the Federal Government Addresses Climate," *Environmental Law Alert* - 03/31/2017
- 11/20/15– Author with Arthur A. Vogel Jr. , "A Contracts Tool Kit for Negotiating Environmental Risk," *InsideCounsel* - 11/20/2015
- Presenter, "Specialized Ethics CLE for In-House Counsel - Service on a Non-Profit Board," 6/4/2015
- Author, "Blood From a Turnip? EPA Proposes Lowering Ozone Standard to 65–70 Parts per Billion," *Environmental Law Alert* - 12/3/14
- Presenter and Author, "Federal Management of Tribal Lands and Resources," *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute on Energy and Mineral Development in Indian Country*, 11/6/2014
- Presenter, "An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure," Tucson Chapter SME, 11/2013
- Presenter and keynote at multiple events related to homeless and at-risk youth regarding my personal experiences as a homeless/at-risk youth

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Arizona (2007)

Court Admissions

- Arizona District Court (2007)
- Arizona Court of Appeals (2008)
- Federal Court of Claims (2012)

Professional and Civic Affiliations

- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (Member)
- Mining Foundation of the Southwest (Member)
- Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Tucson Chapter (Member)
- United States Equestrian Federation (Member)
- United States Eventing Association (Member)
- Arabian Horse Association (Member)
- State Bar of Arizona (Member)
- Pima County Bar Association (Member)
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association (Member)

Professional Recognition

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (2021, Environmental Law)
- American Hall of Fame Medal of Merit Under 40 Award Mining Foundation of the Southwest (2018)
- Southern Arizona Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Program (Attorney of the Year, 2018)
- Selected for inclusion in Southwest Super Lawyers® – Rising Stars (2014–2017: Energy & Resources)
- Hal Israel Award for Outstanding Community Service from the Arizona State Bar Association (2011)
- Pima County Career and Technical Education Alumni Hall of Fame (2009)
- Tucson Business Edge, 40 Under 40, Woman of the Year (2008)

References

- Available upon request.