

DIANE M. GRIFFITHS

EXPERIENCE

California State Assembly, 1989 to present. Positions of increasing responsibility over an 18-year period of time:

Chief Counsel, Assembly Rules Committee, 1998 to 2000, 2002 to present. Provide legal advice on a broad range of legislative, administrative, judicial and personnel matters. Supervise outside counsel in complex litigation involving the Assembly.

Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel to Assembly Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg, 2000 to 2002. Responsible for administration of all aspects of Assembly operations, including fiscal, policy and administrative issues. Provided broad range of legal advice on Assembly operations.

Chief Counsel and Director of Policy to Assembly Speaker Cruz M. Bustamante, 1996 to 1998. Provided legal advice on legislative, judicial, ethics and personnel matters. Supervised Speaker's policy staff and provided policy and procedural advice to the Speaker and to Assembly members on issues affecting all policy areas before the Assembly.

Chief of Staff to Assembly Member Barbara Friedman, Vice Chair, Assembly Health Committee, 1994 to 1996; Assembly Member Burt Margolin, Chair, Assembly Health Committee, 1992 to 1994. Responsible for administration of all aspects of the member's office, including training and supervision of member's personal and committee staff and administration of committee and member's budget. Provided legal and legislative advice on health, insurance, judicial, ethics and personnel matters.

Chief Consultant, Assembly Insurance Committee, 1989 to 1992. (Chief consultant to subcommittee first and then to full committee.) Responsible for training and supervision of committee staff and administration of committee budget. Prepared committee analyses of legislation and staffed hearings. Directed chair's legislative program and negotiated major legislation, with emphasis on workers' compensation and health insurance.

Commissioner, California Medical Assistance Commission, 2002 to present.

Administer California's selective provider contracting program for hospitals serving Medi-Cal patients. Provide policy direction to Commission staff and act on hospital contracts and supplemental payments to supply hospital funding to facilities providing Medi-Cal care.

General Counsel, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1986 to 1989. Responsible for administration of agency's legal and legislative programs. Provided legal advice on a broad range of issues, including the Political Reform Act, the Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Law and personnel matters. Supervised staff in litigation, legislative and advice functions, including Political Reform Act and constitutional litigation.

Counsel, California State Assembly, 1983 to 1986. Negotiated agreements on controversial criminal law legislation. Prepared committee analyses and drafted bills and amendments. Organized and staffed committee hearings.

Deputy State Public Defender, 1980 to 1983. Represented indigent defendants in criminal, juvenile, and parental rights appeals. Supervised other attorneys and law students. Appeared before California Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Superior Court.

Deputy Public Defender for Santa Cruz County, 1978 to 1980. Represented indigent defendants in trial proceedings in criminal, juvenile and parental rights cases.

Research Attorney to Justice Frank C. Newman, California Supreme Court, 1977 to 1978. Prepared draft appellate opinions and bench memoranda. Made recommendations concerning which cases should be granted review. Trained and supervised other staff.

Law Clerk to Justice Robert C. Erwin and Justice John H. Dimond, Supreme Court of Alaska, 1976 to 1977. Prepared draft appellate opinions and bench memoranda for Supreme Court justices.

EDUCATION

University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, California. J.D., 1976.

University of California, Santa Cruz. B.A. Politics, 1971.

APPOINTMENTS

Member, University of California's Breast Cancer Research Council, 2006 to present.

Commissioner, California Medical Assistance Commission, 2002 to present.

Member, Department of Managed Health Care Advisory Committee on Managed Health Care, 2000-2002.

Member, California Earthquake Authority Governing Board, 1996 to 1998, 2001 to 2002.

Member, Managed Health Care Improvement Task Force, 1997.