

## MADELEINE WEISZ

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Montana Water Court, Senior Water Master, 1123 Research Dr., Bozeman, MT 59718

### EDUCATION

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#### University of California, Davis School of Law, Davis, CA

J.D., Public Service Law Certificate, 2014

- Legal Research and Writing Witkin Award Recipient (for highest grade in the course)
- Legal Research and Writing Course Tutor

#### Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

B.S., Economics, 2008

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Montana Water Court**, Bozeman, MT 2014 - Present

- Senior Water Master, Mediator

**Montana State University**, Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship 2017 - 2019

- Writing Coach for the Bracken Business Communication Center

**U.S. Attorney's Office**, District of Idaho, Boise, ID 2013

- Student Extern

**Nemelka & Restum P.C.**, Bozeman, MT 2012

- Student Associate

### OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE

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**NOLS - National Outdoor Leadership School**, Semester Program, Laramie, WY 2004

**Ski Instructor**, Vail Resorts, Breckenridge, CO 2004

**Swan Valley Connections**, Landscape and Livelihood Semester, Condon, MT 2005

**Ski Coach**, Bridger Ski Foundation, Bozeman, MT 2006-2011

**Raft Guide**, Salmon River, White Otter Outdoor Adventures, Ketchum, ID 2005-2009

**Ski Patrol**, Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, ID 2009-2010

**Outdoor Instructor**, The Community School, Sun Valley, ID 2009-2010

**Master Gardener Certificate**, MSU Extension Program, Bozeman, MT 2016

### BOARD POSITIONS and VOLUNTEER WORK

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- Gallatin County Bar Association, Secretary 2023 - Present
- California Water Law Symposium, Secretary 2015-2020
- Bozeman Neighborhood Council, Steering Committee 2016-2019
- Bozeman Sweet Pea Festival Volunteer 2015
- Big Sky Youth Empowerment Volunteer 2015

## **PRESENTATIONS and SPEAKING EVENTS**

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- Montana State University, Pre-Law Club, Career Panel Speaker (2024)
- Montana Water Law, Seminar Group: Practical Skills - Motions to Amend (2023)
- Big Hole Watershed Committee, Water Rights Panelist (2022)
- Montana Water Law, Seminar Group: Pro Se Litigants (2021)
- Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group, Water Rights Presentation (2018)
- Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Water Court Update (2017)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- “*Montana Water Rights Adjudication: Notable Decisions & Challenges*” co-authored with Chief Judge Russ McElyea for The Water Report (2015)
- “*Smoke Regulation and Liability Laws: How the Current Legal Scheme Discourages the Optimal Use of Prescribed Fire*” White Paper prepared for the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council (2014)

## **SELECTED CASES**

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- *Raines v. Pondera Cty. Canal & Reservoir Co.*, 2019 Mont. Water LEXIS 57 (Master’s Report recommending dismissal of water right for abandonment)
- *In re SRI River Holdings LLC*, 2021 Mont. Water LEXIS 1243 (Master’s Report recommending recognition of pre-1973 change in source)
- *Jefferson Island Ranch v. Turner*, 2022 Mont. Water LEXIS 332, 2022 Mont. Water LEXIS 330 (Order limiting scope of objection)
- *Rice v. Sitz Angus Farms LP*, 2023 Mont. Water LEXIS 370 (Master’s Report generating implied claim and adding stipulated information remark)
- *In re Donohoe Ranch LP*, 2021 Mont. Water LEXIS 330 (Master’s Report addressing motion to amend and recommending summary judgment in part)

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

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Bridger Bowl Community Ski Racing, Camping, Gardening, Hiking, Reading, Exploring and Traveling