

## Ralph W. Tarr



### Partner

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### INDUSTRIES

Energy  
Oil and Gas Natural  
Resources

### PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental  
Appellate  
Litigation  
Bankruptcy/Restructuring  
Mass Tort Litigation

### EDUCATION

JD, 1976, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, Hastings Law Journal, Editorial Review Board, Order of the Coif, Thurston Society  
MPA, 1973, Public Administration, California State University, Sacramento, Phi Kappa Phi  
AB, 1970, *magna cum laude*, Government, Dartmouth College, Phi Beta Kappa, Daniel Webster National Scholarship

Extern, California Supreme Court Justice William P. Clark, Jr.

Research Attorney, George A. Brown, Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District

### ADMITTED

California 1976  
District of Columbia 1984

Ralph handles and tries civil litigation and appellate matters with respect to administrative, arbitration, and jury and non-jury judicial proceedings, seeking to resolve business disputes and personal injury claims in a broad range of substantive legal areas. Examples of those areas are: administrative law, bankruptcy law, complex commercial transactions, environmental law, Indian affairs, natural resources, probate and water. He practices before the United States Supreme Court and the lower federal courts, as well as the California Supreme Court, lower state courts, and the District of Columbia courts.

Ralph has extensive experience in various senior positions with the federal and California state governments. Those positions include, among others, Solicitor, US Department of the Interior, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General, US Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel, US Administrative Committee of the Federal Register, US Western Water Policy Review Commission, US Border Environmental Plan Public Advisory Committee, California Secretary of State Voter Task Force, and staff assistant to California Governor Ronald Reagan. In response to the Alaskan Oil Spill in 1989, Ralph chaired an interagency steering committee overseeing the US government's preparation of the natural resource damage assessment. In his practice, he utilizes the full range of this expertise to represent clients in federal and California state government relations matters, especially in the natural resources and environmental area.

### ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- "Managing Natural Resource Damage Assessment" [Oil Spills: Management and Legislative Implications, American Society of Civil Engineers, New York, pp. 383-395 \(1990\)](#)
- "Protecting the Privacy of the Absent Patient: Rudnick v. Superior Court" [27 Hastings Law Journal 99 \(1976\)](#)
- Various Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel, US Department of Justice [27 Hastings Law Journal 99](#)
- Various Opinions of the Solicitor, US Department of the Interior [27 Hastings Law Journal 99](#)

### PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

## Ralph W. Tarr

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
  - Environmental Law Section
  - Litigation Section
  - Trust and Estates Section
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association
  - Board of Directors
  - Vice Chairman
- State Bar of California
  - Environmental Law Section
  - Litigation Section
  - Trust and Estates Section
  - Committee to Confer with the California Medical Association (1980-1982)
- Federal Bar Association
  - Administrative Law Section
  - General Counsels Section, Chairman (1985-1986, 1986-1987)

US District Court for the  
Central District of  
California

US District Court for the  
Eastern District of  
California

US District Court for the  
Northern District of  
California

US District Court for the  
Southern District of  
California

US District Court for the  
District of Columbia

US Court of Appeals for  
the District of Columbia  
Circuit

US Court of Appeals for  
the Ninth Circuit

US Supreme Court