

Peter Prows

Law Practice

Peter Prows counsels public agencies, private clients, and sovereigns on complex water, land use, and boundary delimitation issues. He is experienced in California water law, the California Environmental Quality Act, the Endangered Species Act, the public trust doctrine, real property, and the law of the sea. He litigates in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also counsels clients on compliance matters. Representative clients include:

- The City of Stockton, in litigation over water supplies with another public agency
- The Western Water Company, in litigation over a water contract with a public agency
- A reclamation district in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, in reporting its water diversions and use to the State Water Resources Control Board
- A private property owner in Southern California, in administrative mandamus proceedings against the California Coastal Commission
- A multinational fishing company being taken public by UBS and HSBC on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, in due diligence on its high seas fishing operations
- The Republic of Palau, in United Nations negotiations over destructive fishing practices in the high seas, the security and resource implications of climate change, and the extended continental shelf

Prior to coming to Briscoe Ivester & Bazel in 2008, Mr. Prows clerked for Judge Charles N. Brower of 20 Essex Street Chambers, London, in his private international arbitration practice, and for Judge Abdul G. Koroma of Sierra Leone at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.



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Education

LL.M., New York
University School of Law,
2006, Institute for
International Law and
Justice scholar

J.D., New York
University School of Law,
2005

B.A., Oberlin College,
High Honors in Politics

Admissions

State Bar of California

State Bar of New York
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Prior Experience

Law Clerk, The Hon. Charles N. Brower, 20 Essex Street Chambers, London (2007-2008); Law Clerk, The Hon. Abdul G. Koroma, The Hague (2006-2007); Summer Associate, White & Case LLP, New York (2005); Research Associate (international law), Professor Thomas M. Franck (deceased), New York (2004-2005); Term-Time Associate, Legal Action Center, New York (2003-2004); Research associate (constitutional law, state and local government debt financing), Professor M. David Gelfand (deceased), New Orleans (2003-2005); Intern (public benefits and employment law), New Orleans Legal Assistance, New Orleans (2003).

Publications

California's New Water Legislation: A Bucket Of Reform Or But A Drop?, *ABA Natural Resources & Environment* (Fall 2010)

Judge Wanger Upholds NMFS Steelhead Hatchery Listing Decisions, 11:1 *Endangered Species Committee Newsletter* 9 (2009)

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Palau's Marine Protected Areas: Past, Present, and Future, 16 *International Journal of Island Affairs* (2007).

The Role of Presumptions in International Tribunals, 4 *The Law & Practice of International Courts & Tribunals* 197 (2005) (co-authored with Professor Thomas M. Franck).

Public Participation and Political Community in New Orleans: A Pragmatic Way Forward, in *Report to Mayor Nagin's Bring New Orleans Back Commission An Alternative Vision for Rebuilding, Redevelopment & Reconstruction* 54 (2005).

Professional Activities/Memberships

Co-chair, Law of the Sea Interest Group, American Society of International Law.