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Bio

Clifford T. Lee received his B.A. from the U.C. Berkeley in 1973. He received his J.D. from the U.C. Davis School of Law in 1976. From 1977 to 1978 he was a staff attorney with the Governor's Commission to Review California Water Rights Law and authored the Commission staff papers "Legal Aspects of Water Conservation in California" and "The Transfer of Water Rights in California." From 1979 through 2019, he was a deputy attorney general with the Natural Resources Law section of the California Department of Justice. He represented the State of California in the *State Water Resources Control Board Cases* (2006) 136 Cal.App. 4th 674. He was one of the two lawyers awarded the California Lawyer magazine's 2007 Attorney of the Year Award in environmental law. He has authored "Federalism and Water: The California Experience," published in 2020 by the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal. In 2021, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of environmental law from the Environmental Law section of the California Lawyers Association.