

James Strock Bio

Facilitation | Mediation | Negotiation

James Strock has extensive experience as an effective facilitator/convenor, mediator, and negotiator. He serves by bringing together stakeholder with divergent interests, helping them to identify and achieve value-added resolution amid complex challenges.

Mr. Strock's work ranges spans the private sector, government and non-governmental organizations, and the military. He serves clients across the United States and around the world.

He currently serves as co-chair of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer's Solar Energy Advisory Task Force.

In addition to extensive business experience, he has served in various roles in government, bringing people together to reframe and resolve complex and controversial public questions. From 1991-97 he served in Governor Pete Wilson's cabinet as California's founding Secretary for Environmental Protection. He also served on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee to the U.S. Trade Representative during this time.

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush appointed, and the U.S. Senate confirmed Mr. Strock to serve as Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (chief law enforcement officer) of the U.S. EPA. He was a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

Mr. Strock also served as general counsel and acting director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (the federal government's human resources agency), member of the California State Personnel Board, counsel to the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, and a corporate and environmental lawyer in private practice.

James Strock has received training from the Harvard Negotiation Project, the American Arbitration Association and other professional groups, and has served on the neutrals rosters of state and federal courts in California.

Mr. Strock was educated at public and private schools in Austin, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and holds degrees from Harvard College (A.B., *Phi Beta Kappa*) and Harvard Law School (J.D.). During law school he served as a teaching fellow for Professor Richard Neustadt's course on presidential leadership. He subsequently studied literature for a year at New College,

Oxford, on a Rotary Scholarship. In 1985 he received the Ross Essay Prize of the American Bar Association. He served to captain in the USAR-JAGC.

James Strock has received numerous honors, and is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Who's Who in Finance and Business*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Authors Guild.

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