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VICKIE PATTON: A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE

Senior attorney Vickie Patton was riding her bike to the Environmental Defense office in Boulder, Colorado early on the morning of April 2nd when she got the first call. Environmental Defense had prevailed! The Supreme Court ruled 9-to-0 in *Environmental Defense et al v. Duke Energy* that factories and power plants must use the latest pollution controls when they make upgrades that increase their carbon emissions. Vickie, who had played a key role in preparing the case, continued to pedal and talk on her cell phone, relishing every detail of the decision, when she was interrupted by a second call. There was another ruling, issued just minutes earlier. In one of its most important environmental decisions of all time, the Court ruled that the U.S. government could not sidestep its authority to regulate

greenhouse gas emissions. The landmark decision is expected to shift the balance in the fight against global warming. After years of working tirelessly on the case, after all the sleepless nights worrying about what would happen if Environmental Defense and its co-litigants lost, Vickie Patton couldn't help her-

self. She started to cry. But she didn't stop peddling. She had work to do.

Such is the passion and determination of one of the top climate attorneys working in the environmental field today. Vickie has spearheaded regulatory and legal action against global warming pollution at the state, regional and national level. In February, she helped hammer out tough new rules that will dramatically slash mercury emissions from coal-powered plants in Colorado. She's also a strategic thinker, whose vision has helped set environmental policy across the country.

"Vickie has the tenacity of a bulldog and the genius of an Einstein," said Peter Goldmark, director of our Climate and Air Program. "And she knows how to push people forward."

Vickie's commitment to the environment had its roots in her



Senior attorney Vickie Patton

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THE FLEXIBILITY AND TAX ADVANTAGES OF A FAMILY FOUNDATION — WITHOUT THE RED TAPE

THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE DONOR ADVISED FUND

Charitable giving shouldn't be a chore. But whether you administer a family foundation or simply manage your own individual giving, you know that choosing the right charities and distributing your gifts can be time-consuming and complicated. Tasks such as transferring stocks, writing cover letters, processing checks, even managing the funds you've set aside to support your favorite causes can be overwhelming.

That's why we created The Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund. By establishing a Donor Advised Fund with a contribution of \$50,000 or more, you can maximize your tax savings, eliminate the need for time-consuming paperwork, and still have a strong voice in choosing how, when and to whom your gifts will be distributed.

Here are just a few of the reasons why an Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund account is a smart alternative to the traditional family foundation:

- **EASE OF USE** – Once you've established an Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund, you'll be invited to advise us about your philanthropic goals, so we can make sure your gift is used to support the issues and causes you care about most. Our knowledgeable, professional staff will take care of all filings, paperwork, cover letters and tax documents, and provide you with a searchable record of all transactions and balances.

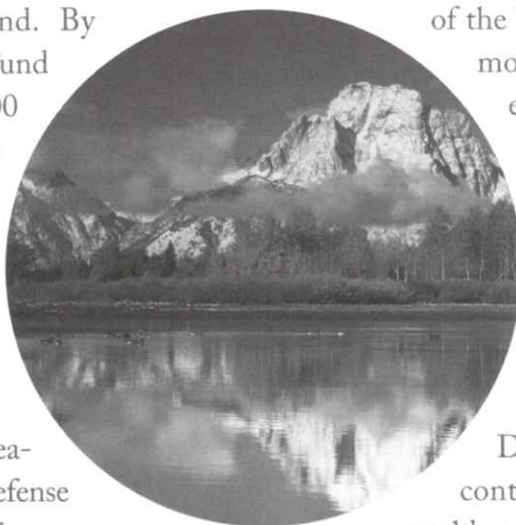
- **FLEXIBILITY** – Although you'll receive an immediate tax deduction for your initial contribution and for each subsequent addition to your account, you can take your time to decide which causes you'd like to support – whether environmentally focused or not – and in what amounts.

- **EXPERT ADVICE** – Your Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund gives you access to the combined wisdom and expertise of some of the best minds in the environmental movement, a team of scientists, economists, and legislative and financial experts who can help you identify those organizations that most closely match your vision and interests.

Best of all, by establishing an Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund, you'll be contributing to a cleaner, greener world, a legacy that you'll be proud to hand down to your children and grandchildren.

There's much more to learn about donor advised funds in general and the Environmental Defense Donor Advised Fund in particular. They're well worth looking into – especially if you're more interested in green giving than red tape.

To learn more, please contact Anne Doyle, at 1-877-441-7975 (toll-free), at 257 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010, via email at donoradvisedfund@environmentaldefense.org or visit us on the web at www.environmentaldefense.org/go/donoradvisedfund.



JOHN AND PEGGY GARVEY: A LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT

It's been 30 years since John Garvey spotted a magazine ad for Environmental Defense and decided to become a member. John and his wife Peggy both have scientific backgrounds – he in physics, she in microbiology – so they took special note of the organization's high quality science and constructive approach to environmental issues. "They have been remarkably successful in working out solutions to environmental problems by partnering with business," John asserts. "And the science staff is first rate."

The Garveys are both native Californians who have lived in the Los Angeles suburb of Redondo Beach since 1971. "We have always been nature lovers, and living near the ocean, we have become especially aware of what has been happening to the environment over the last several decades," Peggy notes. "Environmental Defense impressed us as an organization that offers practical solutions."

A few years ago, John contacted scientists at Environmental Defense to help him refute erroneous statements made by global warming skeptics that appeared in a local newspaper. His reply was published and elicited additional reader responses. The experience, he says, illustrates how the scientific resources of Environmental Defense can help concerned laymen, as well as professional scientists, to engage effectively in public debate of environmental issues.

John's experience makes him an effective advocate. After serving three years in the Navy, he received a master's degree in physics from the University of Southern California in 1962. He then worked as a systems' analyst in the aerospace

industry until his retirement from Hughes-Raytheon in 1993. Peggy holds a bachelor's degree

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in microbiology from California State University, Long Beach and worked as a medical technologist at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center until she retired in 1999. "I thought I'd really miss the work," she says, "until I found out there were so many other things I wanted to do."

In retirement, Peggy is an avid gardener who leads docent tours for school children at a local botanical garden. She has also taken up painting and drawing. John is an amateur pianist, and they both enjoy attending concerts, operas, and other cultural events.

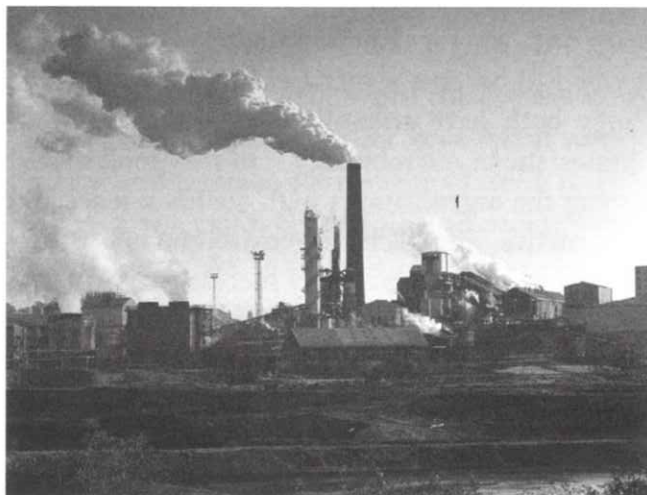
In 1993, John and Peggy set up a charitable remainder trust, naming Environmental Defense as the final beneficiary. Recently, they made a substantial tax-free gift from John's IRA, taking advantage of a temporary federal law that will expire at the end of this year. The Garveys have long supported a number of other environmental and charitable causes. "But in recent years," John notes, "the urgency of the global warming threat has only heightened our concern for the future of the planet." The Garveys are confident that Environmental Defense, with its unique mix of scientific and legal expertise, and its enviable record of successes, is ideally suited to the task of finding the necessary solutions.



childhood, growing up in the desert near Tucson, Arizona. A major population shift was taking place. People were flocking in enormous numbers to the American Southwest. "Water and overwhelming growth were always an issue," she said. After law school, she went to work for the Environmental Protection Agency. As a young attorney in the General Counsel's office, she focused on air quality issues while getting a first hand look at the inner workings of the agency. That experience would prove invaluable.

In 1998, when Vickie joined Environmental Defense, she moved to Boulder with her husband Jim Freeman, who is also an environmental attorney. The couple has two young children. "We try not to burden our kids with heavy issues," she said. But they do set a good example. This year, Vickie and Jim installed solar panels on their house. When they can't get somewhere on bikes, they drive a hybrid car.

Enforcing the Supreme Court decision is now at the top of Vickie Patton's "to do" list. Ultimately it will be up to Congress to set a national policy that caps greenhouse gas pollution. And, said Vickie, "There's no time to lose."



Vickie Patton played a key role in a case mandating that factories and power plants use the latest in pollution controls.

Congestion Pricing: Reduce traffic and live healthier

New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg wants the city to have "the cleanest air of any big city in America" by 2030. That is an ambitious goal in a city that is burdened with some of the nation's worst air pollution, a leading cause of asthma, and lung and heart disease.

One key to delivering better air quality and less traffic is congestion pricing. Andy Darrell, director of Environmental Defense's Living Cities program, is a member of the advisory board that helped the mayor develop the congestion pricing model for New York City.

The idea is simple: Use price to signal when drivers should consider taking mass transit, reschedule their trip or pay a higher fee for driving. An electronically-collected toll system will charge drivers more to use the most congested roads at the most congested times. Like airline ticket prices, prices can be cheaper at off-peak times. Such systems are successfully used in cities such as London, Singapore and Oslo with impressive results.

For more information on congestion pricing, please visit us at www.allchokedup.org, or call us at 1-877-677-7397.



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