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LICENSURE KY | WV
EDUCATION J.D. West Virginia University

Kathy Beckett has about thirty years of experience practicing environmental, regulatory, and natural resources law. She has a national reputation for her ability to influence environmental policies on behalf of her clients. She has been instrumental in the development of national and state regulatory programs and the drafting of environmental legislation. Kathy is a senior attorney in a group of 16 experienced environmental lawyers and technical professionals. She is active in many industry trade groups and serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Energy, Clean Air and Natural Resources Committee where policy issues impacting manufacturing, coal and natural gas are regularly managed. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Environmental Committee. Kathy has served in a leadership role with the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. She also has experience in the Homeland Security and Emergency Response policy and law. Kathy is a board member of the Black Diamond Council for the Girl Scouts serving multiple states.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented chemical facility on Risk Management Plan enforcement
- Represented coal facilities relative to air permitting and waste management issues
- Represented oil and gas exploration and production facilities relative to air permitting issues to include air aggregation assessments
- Represented chemical manufacturing operations on air compliance matters, water permitting, and waste management matters
- Conducted environmental audit of chemical manufacturing facility
- Represented national trade association in developing comments to an Endangered Species Act proposed listing
- Filed administrative appeals of industrial NPDES permits and negotiated revised permit conditions
- Represented coal-fired power industry on regional air quality and climate change issues
- Developed multi-jurisdictional environmental crisis management plans

Developed major facility environmental permitting outline

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

1997-2013 Jackson Kelly PLLC

1988-1996 Robinson & McElwee

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs CAA 112(r)

Appalachian Storage Hub Discussion Advances

Combined Timelines for CCR and ELG for Steam Electric Power Sector

Enhancing Chemical Safety and Environmental Performance Workshop

Environmental Regulatory Reform in West Virginia

EPA Announcement of Review of the Clean Power Plan

EPA Risk Management Plan Rule Delayed

Ethane Storage Hub – Economic Development Opportunities

Failed Federal Collaboration: United States Fish and Wildlife Service State Relations

Michigan v. EPA – Setting the Stage for The Clean Power Plan and WOTUS

Migratory Bird Treaty Act Enforcement Questioned

Proposed 2015 Ozone Transport Rule (“CSAPR Update”) – Industrial Sources

Steptoe & Johnson Expands Environmental and Energy Teams

The Clean Power Plan Stay Draws A Wide Range of Responses

Trump Executive Order: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth

U.S. Energy and Environmental Policy and Law In the Making: The Clean Power Plan

U.S. Supreme Court Speaks to Clean Water Act and Agency Implementation

USFWS Species Listing An Internal Process

USFWS WV Field Office Guidance on Bat Conservation Plans – Proceed Cautiously

Waters of the United States – D.C. Circuit May 15, 2015 Home Builders II Opinion

Webcast - Endangered Species Act

Weekly Update on Environmental Regulatory Policy February 27 – March 4, 2017: Waters of the United

States Rule Up for Review Oil and Gas Methane Information Request Withdrawn

What EPA Regulation Do You See as Warranting Repeal, Replacement, or Modification?

What Is On the Mind of the DOJ Environmental and Natural Resources Division?

WV Senate Sends a Note to WVDEP in Rule Approval

WV TMDL Litigation Challenging EPA

"Oil and Gas Industry Waste Management Practices Exonerated By Court," American Oil & Gas Reporter, Sept. 1998 "Oil and Gas Industry Waste Management Practices Exonerated By Court," American Oil & Gas Reporter, Sept. 1998

"EPA Calls for an 'Audit' of the Nation's Water Quality Program," American Oil & Gas Reporter, Aug. 1998

"Global Warming Protocol Needs More Study Regarding Both Its Science And Effect," American Oil & Gas Reporter, Jan. 1998

"Consolidated Environmental Regulation in West Virginia," 97 W.Va. L. Rev. 401 (1995)

"The Storm Water Regulatory Scheme: Washing an Industry Down the Drain?" 10 Journal of Natural Resources & Environmental Law 307 (1994)

"Abandoned Well Initiatives: An Examination of Recently Enacted Legislation in the Eastern United States," 14 Eastern Min. L. Inst. 20 (1993)

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

The Best Lawyers in America®

Fellow, American College of Environmental Lawyers 2017

Who's Who Legal, International Environmental, 2017

Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, BV Distinguished, 2017

Selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in Energy," Pittsburgh Business Times, 2012

Phi Beta Kappa, 1985

West Virginia State Bar

Kentucky Bar Association

West Virginia Bar Association

Environment, Energy and Resources Section, American Bar Association

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Member, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Chair, U.S. Chamber Energy, Clean Air & Natural Resources Committee

Member, Board of Directors, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Chair, Environment Committee, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Member, Board of Trustees, Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

Air & Waste Management Association - WV Chapter

Board Member, Black Diamond Council of Girl Scouts