



## Marissa G. Nortz | Associate

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**LICENSURE** WV  
**EDUCATION** J.D. West Virginia University

Marissa Nortz counsels her clients in the often complex and ever-changing landscape of federal and state environmental regulations. Her clients, often municipalities, public service districts, and industrial companies, call on Marissa when they need help with environmental permitting and compliance for their water and wastewater, solid and hazardous waste, air emissions, and other environmental and regulatory needs.

Following in the footsteps of her father, a West Virginia coal miner, Marissa has adopted a boots-on-the-ground approach to addressing the needs of her clients, and never hesitates to put on a hard hat to visit with clients onsite. This approach allows Marissa to work closely with her clients to understand all aspects of their operations so she can address and truly understand the goals and objectives of their operations.

Marissa's hard hat mentality allows her to work directly with state and federal environmental agencies on behalf of her clients. Whether its planning a new capital project, completing permitting applications, representing her clients during public hearings, or advocating zealously before state and federal administrative boards or courts, Marissa is instrumental to ensuring that her clients achieve the best results from to start to finish.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Counseled municipal client through violation, appeal, and administrative hearing in front of the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board, which resulted in obtaining a waiver of the MS4 permit

On behalf of a Public Service District, negotiated federal consent decree under the Federal Clean Water Act and the West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act for stormwater and sanitary sewer violations

Provided environmental due diligence and environmental risk analysis to assist private equity company in the decision making process for investments in both intrastate and interstate natural gas pipelines

Assisted large municipalities and public service districts in obtaining pre-treatment permit to incentivize economic development of manufacturing and industrial facilities

Assisted in the representation of numerous industrial and municipal clients before state administrative boards

Regularly assists in the negotiation of terms and conditions of NPDES permits with state agencies for

both large industrial discharges and publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities

Assisted in the performance of environmental due diligence for the investment in a multi-billion dollar intrastate natural gas pipeline.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2015                Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
2014                Summer Associate, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
2013                Summer Associate, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

EPA to Cease Issuing Notice of Deficiencies for TSCA  
PFAS Legislation Aims to Impact Clean Water Utilities  
The Fourth Circuit's Decision in OVEC v. Fola Coal Company Set to Impact this Region's Regulated Community  
NPDES Compliance Training – West Virginia Rural Water Association; 2017, 2018, 2019  
Legislative Update – West Virginia Rural Water Association 2018

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Super Lawyers for Environmental Law – 2019 Rising Star  
National Association of Women Lawyers  
Phi Beta Kappa  
WVU College of Law Moot Court Board  
George C. Baker Moot Court Competition Winner  
Order of the Barristers

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Member, National Association of Clean Water Agencies  
Board of Directors, Air and Waste Management of West Virginia