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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

Worked with clients, community, and business leaders to expand the dialogue surrounding sustainability relative to environmental law, energy law and economic development in the Appalachian region

Represented environmental reuse company in redevelopment of aluminum reduction plant

Defended electric company against petitions by various northeast states to impose pollution controls on sources in the Midwest

Represented electric company in an intervention in federal court in support of USEPA Affordable Clean Energy Rule

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

EPA Issues Temporary Policy in Response to COVID-19

Revisions to NEPA Proposed to Unlock American Investment

Supreme Court Rules That Certain, But Not All, Discharges to Groundwater May Require Permitting Under the Clean Water Act

Sustainability: Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)

USDOE Appalachia Renaissance Report – COVID-19 and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Waters of the United States Litigation: Practical Considerations for the Regulated Community

"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
Best Lawyers® 2021 Charleston, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Lawyer of the Year
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