

31st Annual Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law

Faculty Biographies

Edward (“Ted”) Boling, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP – As an associate director at the President’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Ted Boling served as the country’s top National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) attorney. He currently advises clients on the development of renewable energy, resource development, transportation, and infrastructure, drawing on over 30 years of high-level public service.

Ted served in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), CEQ, and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in both Democratic and Republican administrations. His experience includes deep involvement in federal infrastructure issues, as well as leadership of the first comprehensive revision of CEQ’s NEPA regulations in 40 years.

Ted’s work at CEQ also included the National Ocean Policy, CEQ’s climate change guidance, and the regulatory response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster. He drafted NEPA guidance on mitigation and monitoring, cumulative impacts analysis, and the development categorical exclusions from detailed NEPA documentation. Ted advised on the establishment of numerous national monuments, including the first marine national monuments in the United States and the largest marine protected areas in the world. He also assisted in briefing three U.S. Supreme Court cases.

At DOI, Ted handled matters involving energy development on the outer continental shelf, including offshore wind power development, and the fast track for solar and wind energy projects on public lands. He has provided legal and policy advice on environmental issues concerning the Federal Columbia River Power System and the California Central Valley Project.

At DOJ, in the first 10 years of his career, Ted litigated significant cases involving NEPA, endangered species, marine mammals, wetland protections, and public lands. He was involved in litigation concerning the Northwest Forest Plan, National Forest management decisions, and Federal Transit Administration decisions in New England.

Stacey Bosshardt, Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP – Stacey Bosshardt litigates environmental and administrative law cases. She represents mining, energy, pipeline, and other business and governmental clients in environmental and natural resources litigation throughout the country. Stacey’s substantial experience includes positions as assistant section chief and senior trial attorney in the Natural Resources Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Environment and Natural Resources Division, where she litigated and supervised dozens of cases brought in U.S. district courts. Her experience with cases involving public lands includes litigation under the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, Federal Lands Policy Management Act, Mineral Leasing Act, National Forest Management Act, and Administrative Procedure Act.

In her positions at DOJ, Stacey supervised a team of 10 trial attorneys representing the federal government in lawsuits related to its management of public lands and natural resources. She was selected as lead attorney to defend federal agency high-profile decisions in U.S. district courts throughout the country, including loan guarantees, proposed land management decisions, and rights of way and special use permits for renewable energy facilities, transmission line upgrades, a groundwater development project, and cleanup of contaminated sites. Her client agencies in those challenges to federal approvals included the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. National Park Service U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Export-Import Bank, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. General Services Administration and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Stacey has also worked either as trial counsel or supervisor on the defense of challenges to multiple DOT-funded projects, including highways, interchanges, trail conversions, bridges, light rail, high-speed rail, and bus rapid transit projects.

Stacey served as ethics advisor to the White House Counsel's office during the Obama administration. She was also recruited as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs' special investigation into the government's response to Hurricane Katrina, which focused on the intersection of climate-driven events and disaster preparedness.

Before focusing on environmental and administrative law, Stacey was a trial attorney in DOJ's Civil Division in the Torts Branch, where she defended the government in 16 cases arising out of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Boston Field Office's handling of confidential informants over a 40-year period.

Shannon S. Broome, Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP – Shannon is the managing partner of the firm's San Francisco office and leads the firm's California environmental practice. Her prior experience as a chemical engineer in the oil and gas industry affords her unparalleled insights into the development of regulations and counsel on environmental, health and safety issues. Shannon also maintains an office in Washington, DC. Splitting her time between these offices allows her to help her clients wherever they may be. Her work focuses on permitting, enforcement, environmental incident response, and regulatory advocacy and litigation.

Shannon is a nationally recognized authority on Clean Air Act and climate change matters, with more than 25 years of experience addressing all aspects of the Clean Air Act, Shannon represents clients in a variety of manufacturing and energy sectors, including oil and gas, chemical, paper, automotive, power generation and utilities. Related to her climate practice and environmental matters generally, Shannon is credentialed by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board in the Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting, which supports her practice advising companies on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues and disclosures. Shannon also advises companies in preparation for and responding to environmental incidents and under federal and state process safety management and risk management plan regulations.

Highly regarded for her litigation practice challenging and defending EPA and California regulations and permits before federal and state appellate courts, in 2018, she was named to The National Law Journal's list of "Energy & Environmental Trailblazers." She has been repeatedly named to the California Daily Journal's list of Top 100 Women Lawyers and Top 100 Lawyers. She is one of four lawyers nationally ranked by Chambers USA in Band 1 for Nationwide Climate Change and is also ranked by Chambers in California Environment and Global Climate Change law. In 2019, Broome was appointed for a three-year term by the Administrator of the US EPA to the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, which advises the EPA on appropriate implementation of the statute. She is also lauded for her deep knowledge on environmental enforcement matters, and is respected by her Fortune 100 clients for her practical approach to regulatory compliance, in which she relies on her previous career as an engineer for Chevron, USA.

Shannon is admitted in the United States Supreme Court, US Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, several US District Courts, and all California state courts.

Outside of her client work, Shannon devotes herself to improving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. She is the current and founding Co-President of the California chapter of the Women's Energy Network. As an accomplished female lawyer and previous engineer, Shannon is a frequent speaker on issues related to how women can succeed in the workplace, particularly in the legal profession. She was appointed to and is currently serving as a leader on the American Bar Association's Special Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources Law, which addresses among other things, racial and gender inclusion and equity issues in the legal field, and serves on the Section's governing council. Shannon also volunteers her time as a Berkeley Law School Alumni Guide, a role in which she mentors young female law students.

Shannon is a contributor to the firm's environmental blog, The Nickel Report.

Kate Abbott Bucacink, Attorney-Advisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Kate's work at NOAA is wide-ranging, requiring her to assist clients with legal needs concerning general federal law, space law, regulatory reform, science and technology law, and other matters. Prior to her time at NOAA, Kate served as a Law Clerk for two years at the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II, where she assisted with civil and criminal appeals. During law school, she served as a Legal Extern for the United State Protection Agency Region 10 Office of Regional Counsel in Seattle, Washington, where she researched and drafted legal memoranda, briefs, public administrative documents, and other legal projects concerning federal environmental law. In addition, Kate also interned at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Power Plants Initiative within the Environment and Natural Resource Division (ENRD) Environmental Enforcement Section (EES). She also interned for the San Francisco City Attorney's public utilities section. Kate holds a BA from UC Berkeley and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School.

David T. Buente Jr., Partner, Sidley Austin LLP – David Co-leader of Sidley Austin LLP’s Environmental group, represents clients in complex environmental litigation and rulemaking matters, with an emphasis on the Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act, CERCLA (Superfund) and RCRA, environmental criminal and toxic tort litigation. Building upon his 15 years as an environmental prosecutor, including at the Department of Justice (DOJ) where he served as Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, corporations—including American Electric Power, CSX, Duke Energy, Exxon Mobil, General Electric, Ford Motors, Harley Davidson, Honeywell, Norfolk Southern, and Tyson Foods—turn to David for representation in complex federal environmental enforcement matters with DOJ and EPA and in defending toxic tort claims by states and private parties. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Anne M. Carpenter, Partner, Baker Botts LLP – Anne is Partner at Baker Botts’ Washington, DC office, and concentrates her practice on technically complex civil and criminal matters, including the representation of clients in connection with multi-agency government investigations and enforcement actions, suspension or debarment proceedings, corporate internal investigations, and corporate compliance counseling.

Anne has significant experience in criminal enforcements against oil and gas clients under the Clean Air Act (CAA) and Clean Water Act (CWA), and in civil enforcements against home builder clients under the CWA’s National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit program and state-delegated equivalents. She represents clients with significant federal contracts with respect to matters before agency suspension and debarment offices, including the Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Suspension and Debarment and the U.S. Department of Interior’s Office of Acquisition and Property Management.

Anne also regularly counsels clients with respect to federal contract issues under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), as well as federal transactions under the Nonprocurement Common Rule (NCR).

Nadira Clarke, Partner, Baker Botts LLP – Nadira is a Partner at Baker Botts’ Washington, DC office. A formidable litigator with first-chair trial experience, she focuses her practice on technically complex, high-stakes matters. She is sought after for her aggressive defense of corporations and executives facing large-scale, multi-faceted governmental investigations. Calm and decisive by nature, she provides leadership and valuable counsel in a crisis.

Nadira previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, and a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Well versed in the area of corporate compliance and business ethics, she works with two separate corporate monitor teams appointed by the court to oversee compliance of companies in the wake of criminal prosecution. She previously served as counsel to the Department of Justice’s Office of Professional Responsibility, where she led internal professional ethics investigations involving federal prosecutors and high-ranking Department of Justice officials.

Early in her career, Nadira served in the highly selective US Attorney General's Honor Program for the Department of Justice and worked as a trial attorney with the Environment and Natural Resources Division, including the Environmental Crimes Section and the Natural Resource Section. She was also selected to serve as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice.

Nadira is a frequent industry speaker and has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. Her pro bono work includes mentoring and litigating sex-discrimination and political asylum cases.

Michael Drysdale, Of Counsel, Dorsey & Whitney LLP – Michael practices in the areas of environmental law and general litigation, with a focus on environmental and administrative litigation. He has provided litigation counsel for the coal industry in multiple NEPA and FLPMA challenges to mineral leasing and mine planning actions in Wyoming and Colorado on Forest Service and BLM-administered lands venued in federal court and the Interior Board of Land Appeals. He has also defended agricultural and industrial clients in toxic tort, workplace injury, and property damage litigation, as well as regulatory enforcement proceedings, and represented multiple waste industry clients in federal and state permitting and civil actions, to full jury verdict or judgment. Additionally, he has litigated multiple matters involving the dormant Commerce Clause, CERCLA, NEPA, CWA, and state environmental statutory and common law equivalents. He has a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and an M.P.P. from the University of Michigan, Institute for Public Policy Studies. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Political Science.

Allan Gates, Of Counsel, Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard PLLC – Allan's practice focuses primarily on representing commercial and industrial clients, cities, and public utilities in environmental permitting, compliance, enforcement, and remediation matters. Allan has served for many years as an adjunct professor of Environmental Law at UALR School of Law; and he has been a guest lecturer on environmental topics in national, regional, and state seminars on environmental law and litigation. He is the author of several articles and book chapters on environmental subjects.

Allan is an elected Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers, and he is the currently President of the College. Allan is a member of the Environmental Law Institute. He is a former Chair of the Arkansas Bar Association Environmental Law Section and a member of the Pulaski County, Arkansas, and American Bar Associations. Allan is an elected Life Member of the American Law Institute, and he served on the Consultative Group for ALI's Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers.

Allan received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Following law school, Allan served as law clerk to Chief Judge Pat Mehaffy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

Karl R. Heisler, Partner, King & Spalding LLP – Karl Heisler is an environmental lawyer specializing in enforcement defense and incident response. Karl has managed the legal fallout from a wide array of environmental and workplace safety incidents, ranging from fires and explosions to pipeline releases and the abandonment of hazardous waste. He has nearly two decades of experience responding to governmental investigations involving the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act. He is a prolific speaker on environmental law and incident response.

In 2021, Lawdragon recognized him as a "Leading Environmental and Energy Lawyer." Legal 500 USA distinguished Karl as having a "singular ability to clarify the inordinately opaque and confusing nature of environmental laws for the uninitiated." Benchmark Litigation has recognized him as having an "unparalleled ability to master the facts and an encyclopedic mastery of environmental law."

As a respected thought leader, Karl is frequently called upon to comment, write or speak about environmental enforcement and incident response for publications and organizations including Law360, Thomson Reuters, Resource Recycling, Inc., American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Bar Association, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Association of Corporate Counsel, Lawline, the Environmental Law Institute, the Practising Law Institute and the American Law Institute. He has written or spoken about managing the first 48 hours of an incident, incident response for public information officers, responding to hazardous waste abandonments, hurricane readiness and response, climate risk disclosure, environmental due diligence, the environmental aspects of commercial and real estate transactions, the design and implementation of environmental compliance programs, the regulation of electronic waste, cybersecurity in the energy and transportation sectors, electronic discovery in civil and criminal cases, evidence preservation, and preparing for a government inspection. He wrote the introductory chapter for *Inside the Minds: Environmental Law Enforcement and Compliance*, published by Thomson Reuters/Aspatore, and co-authored the chapter entitled "Environmental Criminal Enforcement: A Primer for the Real Estate Practitioner" in the Fifth Edition of *Environmental Aspects of Real Estate and Commercial Transactions: Acquisitions, Development, and Liability Management*, which is one of the ABA's most widely read publications.

Karl dedicates a significant portion of his practice to environmental transactions. He provides advice and counsel on environmental due diligence and the availability of transactional defenses, and he routinely negotiates representations, warranties, and indemnifications. He has assisted with the acquisitions and divestitures of several entities subject to government investigations arising out of environmental and workplace safety incidents. For the past decade, Karl has taught the environmental transactions course for the Environmental Law Institute, a leader in non-partisan research and environmental education.

His clients include public and private entities in the energy, chemical manufacturing, construction and waste management industries, as well as lenders, private equity and real estate firms with interests in these industries.

Barry E. Hill, Visiting Scholar, Environmental Law Institute – Barry joined ELI as a Visiting Scholar in May 2015. Previously, he was the Senior Counsel for Environmental Governance of the Office of International and Tribal Affairs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He also served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice at the EPA; and the Associate Solicitor of the Division of Conservation and Wildlife, and Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Prior to that, he was Of Counsel at the international law firm of Dickstein Shapiro, LLP where he had an environmental law practice; Project Manager in the Superfund Business Unit of the consulting firm ICF international; Special Counsel to the Attorney General of the District of Columbia; Legal Counsel to the Inspector General of the EPA; Law Secretary to the Deputy Administrative Judge of New York City (Criminal Division); and an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn.

He has lectured in the Middle East, Africa, South and Central America, and the Caribbean islands on a variety of environmental law and policy issues. He has taught at Vermont Law School as an Adjunct Professor of Law for 21 years, and has served on the Environmental Law Center's Advisory Committee since 1994. He has been the recipient of several distinguished achievement awards in environmental justice, and environmental law and policy. He has been the author of the three editions of *Environmental Justice: Legal Theory and Practice* (now in its 4th edition). He has authored/co-authored more than 20 articles on environmental law and policy, and environmental justice and sustainable development in scholarly and professional journals.

Barry received a B.A. in Political Science from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York; a M.A. in Political Science from Howard University; a J.D. from the Cornell University of Law; and an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Randolph (“Randy”) L. Hill, Acting Director, Enforcement Targeting and Data Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Randy has over thirty years of legal, managerial, and executive experience at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He currently serves as the Acting Director of the Enforcement Targeting and Data Division in EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. In that capacity, he provides executive leadership over EPA programs to manage and make available to the public information regarding EPA's enforcement and compliance programs.

Randy previously served as a Judge on EPA's Environmental Appeals Board. The EAB is the final decision maker on administrative appeals under all major environmental statutes that the EPA administers, including appeals of EPA-issued permits under the CAA, CWA, and SDWA, appeals of administrative enforcement decisions, and appeals of decisions on petitions for reimbursement under CERCLA.

Randy has also held a number of other senior positions in the Agency, including Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs ("OITA") where he oversaw EPA programs to ensure protection of human health and the environment in Indian Country and countries across the world; Acting Director and Deputy Director of EPA's Office of Wastewater Management, where he oversaw the management of EPA's clean water permitting and municipal wastewater infrastructure programs; Deputy Director of EPA's Office of Civil Enforcement, managing the civil enforcement of all the major environmental statutes except CERCLA; and Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, with responsibility for all of EPA's enforcement and compliance efforts.

Randy was previously an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at EPA where he led a team of attorneys responsible for counseling and litigation arising under the CWA and the SDWA, and a staff attorney in the same office, where he served as the Agency's national legal expert in a number of areas related to the CWA and RCRA, including RCRA regulation of mining and mineral processing wastes and used oil. He has received a number of Agency honor awards, including two EPA Gold Medals and one EPA Silver Medal. Randy has taught courses at Tulane University Law School, Vermont Law School, and Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. Randy is a contributing author on the second and third editions of the ABA's CWA handbook, and has published several law review articles on topics related to the CWA and RCRA. Randy obtained his JD and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He obtained his BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; he also attended Dartmouth College.

Peter Lehner, Managing Attorney, Earthjustice – Peter directs the Sustainable Food & Farming Program, developing strategies to promote a more environmentally sound agricultural system and to reduce health, environmental, and climate harms from the production of our food.

Previously, Peter was the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council and the NRDC Action Fund. Among other new initiatives, Peter shaped a clean food program with food waste, antibiotic-free meat, regional food, and climate mitigation projects.

Formerly, Peter served as chief of the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office. He supervised all environmental litigation by and against the state. He prosecuted a wide variety of polluters, developed innovative multi-state strategies targeting global warming and air pollution emissions from electric utilities, and spearheaded novel watershed-wide enforcement programs.

Peter previously served at NRDC for four years directing the clean water program where he brought important attention to storm water pollution. Before that, he created and led the environmental prosecution unit for the New York City Law Department. He clerked for Chief Judge James Browning of the Ninth Circuit.

Peter holds an AB in philosophy and mathematics from Harvard College and is an honors graduate of Columbia University Law School, where he now teaches a seminar on food systems and U.S. environmental law. Peter is on the boards of the Rainforest Alliance, Environmental Advocates of New York, and two farms in Costa Rica, and is a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He has been honored with numerous awards by EPA and many environmental groups.

Martha E. Marrapese, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP – Martha is a sought-out legal and policy advisor on matters where technological advancement, environmental protection, and governance intersect. Her clients are solving today's major environmental security issues including climate change, PFAS contamination, and ocean plastics. Martha frequently consults on chemical control under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as well as initiatives that advance bio-based, sustainable products. Her expertise lies in chemical regulation to help clients open markets and help to keep them open. She is sought-out by clients who need to secure new chemical approvals in a timely way with freedom to operate.

Martha's experience makes her ideally suited to counsel corporations most likely to experience growth in relation to the Biden-Harris Administration's initiatives on climate, renewable energy, and national goals to curb plastic waste. These government initiatives will directly result in the need for TSCA support in areas such as electric batteries, bio-based plastics, and products enabled through nanotechnology. A more comprehensive approach to EPA risk evaluations and risk management of existing chemicals under the current Administration makes her experience in negotiating consent orders on chemicals with respect to workplace requirements and downstream processing highly relevant in today's regulatory environment.

Keith A. Matthews, Of Counsel, Wiley Rein LLP – Keith has more than 25 years of private sector and government experience in environmental law related to chemical substances regulation, biopesticides, and genetically engineered organisms. He is a former Director of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). Prior to becoming Director of BPPD, Keith served in EPA's Office of General Counsel (OGC), first as a staff attorney, then as an Assistant General Counsel where he supervised attorneys providing legal counsel to programs in EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Pesticide Programs, and the Office of Research and Development.

Keith's practice focuses on the regulation of chemical substances and genetically engineered organisms. He counsels clients on legal and regulatory requirements applicable to agricultural chemical products and genetically engineered microbes, insects, and plants that are regulated by EPA, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Keith counsels and advises his clients using his breadth of knowledge on a variety of statutes, including the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Plant Protection Act, and the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard.

Nicole E. Noëlliste, Managing Associate, Sidley Austin LLP – Nicole, as a member of the Environmental practice group, which is ranked Band 1 by Chambers USA 2022, focuses her practice on advising clients on a wide range of complex environmental and energy matters, including regulatory compliance, enforcement actions, and rulemaking challenges.

Nicole has experience engaging with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and state regulators to obtain approvals of changes of control of radioactive material, export, and exempt distribution licenses regarding radioactive substances, as well as counseling clients about obligations under those licenses. She gained broad knowledge of the NRC regulatory process during her tenure as an Honors Attorney in the NRC's Office of the General Counsel. Additionally, Nicole counseled the agency staff on the development of the NRC's first Tribal Policy Statement, and reviewed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses of NRC permitting decisions.

During law school, Nicole served as a law clerk at the Environmental Law Institute, an Honors Law Clerk at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Office of General Counsel, and a law clerk within the Natural Resources Section at the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

Nicole holds an M.P.A. in Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Management from Indiana University. While at Loyola University, she was nominated as the NCAA Division I "Woman of the Year" for her outstanding achievement in academics, athletic competition, and community engagement. Nicole is recognized in the 2021 – 2023 editions of the Best Lawyers® "Ones to Watch" for her work in environmental law.

Elise N. Paeffgen, Partner, Alston & Bird LLP – Elise Paeffgen's environmental practice centers on health care and FDA-regulated industries. Elise works with manufacturers, importers, and forward and reverse distributors to effectively navigate EPA, FDA, and DEA regulations and minimize enforcement risks. She provides hazardous, medical, pharmaceutical, and controlled substance waste compliance counsel to companies in every facet of the supply chain. She works closely with manufacturers developing and marketing antimicrobials and products with environmental claims.

On ESG, climate, and environmental compliance and enforcement matters, Elise represents domestic and international companies in the health care, pharmaceutical, medical device, cosmetic, food and beverage, consumer product, pesticide, automotive, construction equipment, renewable fuel, and oil and gas industries.

In addition to a J.D., magna cum laude, from Vermont Law School, Elise earned a Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of the Environment, with concentrations in climate change and corporate environmental management. During her joint degree program, Elise worked for the U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Elise received a B.A. in environmental studies and politics from Oberlin College, and was awarded high honors.

Elise has been named a Super Lawyers “Rising Star” each year since 2014. In 2021, Elise was recognized by client counsel in Acritas Stars for outstanding service.

Jack Raffetto, Senior Managing Associate, Sidley Austin LLP – Jack’s practice focuses on environmental litigation. Jack has assisted clients in connection with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) matters, including complex allocation issues, and in complex civil litigation related to contaminated sites. Jack also represents clients in Clean Water Act litigation and advises clients in connection with environmental aspects of transactions. In addition to his environmental work, Jack focuses on defending financial institutions against consumer class action lawsuits and government enforcement actions in federal and state courts. Jack was selected for the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) 2020 Emerging Leaders Initiative to support the development of environmental law and policy in conjunction with the ELI Leadership Council and the ELI Board.

Prior to joining Sidley, Jack was an associate in the Environmental and Consumer Financial Services practices of another major international law firm.

Michele Roberts, National Co-Coordinator, Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform – Bio to come

Allison B. Rumsey, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP – Allison Rumsey's practice focuses primarily on environmental litigation and enforcement matters. Ms. Rumsey represents clients in State and federal regulatory enforcement actions, class action and citizen suit lawsuits, and business disputes. She represented BP in the litigation brought by the United States, citizen and environmental groups, states, and foreign states arising from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

In addition to litigation, Ms. Rumsey advises clients on federal and State regulatory compliance programs. She has experience in CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, among other statutes. Ms. Rumsey also has an active practice representing clients with respect to the environmental laws applicable to large infrastructure and other projects, including the development of a gold mine, the construction of a railroad bridge across a major waterway, and the redevelopment of a large sports field on federal land.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Rumsey was Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division of the US Department of Justice. As an Honors Trial Attorney in the Natural Resources Section, Ms. Rumsey handled several high-profile environmental cases. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Rumsey also has worked extensively in South Africa on a variety of environmental issues. In addition, she is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center teaching Environmental Law.

Ms. Rumsey clerked for the Honorable Harold Greene, United States District Court of the District of Columbia and for the Honorable Harry T. Edwards, US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit.

Jason Rylander, Climate Law Institute Legal Director, Center for Biological Diversity – Jason works with the Center's Climate Law Institute on litigation and policy initiatives to limit fossil fuels and advance a clean energy future. He previously served as Senior Endangered Species Counsel for Defenders of Wildlife, Counsel for Community Rights Counsel, an Associate at Perkins Coie, LLP, and as Managing Editor of the Land Letter. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Government from Cornell University and a J.D. from the William & Mary School of Law.

Ethan G. Shenkman, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP – Ethan Shenkman is a partner in the Environmental Practice Group, where he represents a diverse array of clients in trial court and appellate matters, and in matters before federal and state agencies. He is nationally known for his work with climate change policy and regulation, representing clients in rulemakings and litigation concerning biofuels regulation, the Renewable Fuels Standard, phaseout of HFCs, the Clean Power Plan, NEPA and other climate-related litigation.

Mr. Shenkman brings more than 16 years of government experience to bear in guiding his clients through complex regulatory and enforcement challenges. He served for seven years as a political appointee in the Obama Administration, most recently as Deputy General Counsel at the US Environmental Protection Agency and, prior to that, as Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the US Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. He previously served as a career attorney and litigator at DOJ.

During his post as Deputy General Counsel at the EPA, he was responsible for Clean Air Act regulations and litigation, cross-cutting administrative law issues, international environmental law, and Native American tribal affairs. He provided counsel for numerous key administration initiatives related to greenhouse gas pollution and climate change, international environmental agreements, free trade agreements, and tribal treaty rights.

In his role at DOJ, he managed a broad spectrum of litigation and policy initiatives, including supervising the Appellate Section, which handles appellate and Supreme Court cases across environment and natural resources law, and the Indian Resources Section. He represented more than a dozen federal agencies on environment and natural resources matters, ranging from NEPA to infrastructure and energy development to the Endangered Species Act.

Mr. Shenkman has extensive appellate and trial-level litigation experience. He has argued 24 cases in the US Circuit Courts of Appeal and the Alaska Supreme Court.

Jamie F. Thompson, Partner, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP – Jamie practices environmental and energy law on a national basis. He represents oil and gas companies in complex litigation, arbitration and allocation proceedings. He also advises corporate clients and their in-house counsel on a wide range of environmental compliance and permitting issues, including spill reporting and disclosure, permitting and permit compliance, remediation, financial assurance, closure and post-closure care, and worker health and safety.

Among other things, he helps clients navigate through the environmental approval process for large-scale development and remediation projects. He has negotiated cleanup cost-cap and property transfer insurance coverage and created innovative contracting solutions to enable development projects and commercial transactions to succeed. He regularly addresses issues under a host of federal and state environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). In addition, he assists companies in obtaining insurance recovery for environmental liabilities and financial benefits from Brownfields initiative programs. He has supervised environmental facility audits, responded to governmental notices of violation and penalty assessments, and helped formalize corporate environmental policies and procedures.

Jamie has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America and The Best Lawyers in Kansas City for his environmental litigation work. He is also a frequent lecturer on environmental and real property issues. He was an instructor for a course on the regulatory framework of environmental law at the University of California, Los Angeles. Before joining Shook, Jamie practiced environmental law at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Missouri, and Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian in Los Angeles, California.

Allison A. Torrence, Partner, Jenner & Block -- Allison A. Torrence is a member of the firm's Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law Practice as well as the Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice. She has significant experience in environmental litigation, working on cases involving toxic torts, CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act, among other matters. In addition to her environmental litigation work, Allison advises clients on a variety of workplace health and safety issues, including dealing with state and federal regulators following workplace injuries and inspections. She also represents policyholders in insurance coverage disputes relating to environmental issues and counsels clients on a variety of regulatory compliance matters arising under state and federal regulatory schemes.

Allison has been recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine as a "Rising Star," as one of the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state who are 40 years old or younger or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. She was also recognized by the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association with the David C. Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Service for her work on the Environmental Law Committee. Active in the Chicago Bar Association, she serves as Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Environmental Law

Committee. Allison also serves as an appointed member of the City of Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission.

Allison is an editor of the Corporate Environmental Lawyer Blog, providing breaking environmental and health and safety updates that are of interest to the corporate counsel community.