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I attended the University of Texas (bachelors in Finance in 1983 and JD in 1986) and then practiced at the Underwood Firm in Amarillo, Texaco's Legal Department in Denver, Coastal Corporation's Legal Department in Houston and for the last 18 years with Conoco, now ConocoPhillips, in Houston where I am the Global Managing Counsel for HSE Legal. For the last 25 years my practice has focused exclusively on health, safety and environmental regulatory compliance and enforcement issues.

Personal information: I've been married to Tracey Ellison for 30 years and we have five children.



Kirsten L. Nathanson
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Washington, DC

Kirsten L. Nathanson is a partner in the Environment & Natural Resources Group at Crowell & Moring LLP, focusing on environmental litigation, enforcement defense, risk assessment, and regulatory counseling under the major federal environmental and public lands statutes. She currently serves as a Vice Chair of the firm's Environment & Natural Resources Group Steering Committee. Her litigation experience encompasses citizen suit defense, regulatory challenges, remediation cost recovery and defense, Administrative Procedure Act actions, and EPA enforcement across nearly all federal environmental laws.

Among her current representative engagements, she is engaged in CERCLA contribution litigation against the United States for a major energy company, represents leading crop protection companies in ESA-FIFRA litigation challenging product registrations, serves as federal environmental counsel to several corporations across multiple facilities and CERCLA sites, including significant landfill and contaminated sediment waterway sites, represents a major coal producer in multiple citizen suit litigation matters challenging federal leasing and mine plan approval actions, and works as Clean Water Act regulatory and litigation counsel to multiple national trade associations.

Kirsten has been recognized as a leading environmental lawyer in Washington, D.C. by *Chambers and Partners USA* since 2013. Her experience includes federal district court motions and trial practice and federal appellate oral arguments. She is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal appellate and district courts nationwide.

Kirsten currently serves as co-chair of the firm's Diversity Council. Kirsten was a founding President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Women's Energy Network in 2011-2012 and continues to engage in activities with both the local and national WEN organizations. She is a past president and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation and has also led the Crowell & Moring Women Attorneys' Network.



Christopher W. Armstrong, Esq.
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Mr. Armstrong Has been an in-house environmental counsel at Exxon Mobil Corporation since October 2000. He is currently the Assistant Chief Attorney in the Environmental and Safety Law Group of the Exxon Mobil Corporation Law Department.

Prior to joining ExxonMobil, Mr. Armstrong was an environmental attorney at the Ohio EPA and also held private practice positions with law firms in Pittsburgh and Atlanta focusing on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and a variety of environmental enforcement matters.

Mr. Armstrong graduated cum laude in 1986 with a B.A. in History from the University of Akron and obtained his J.D. with honors in 1989 from the Ohio State University College of Law.



BAKER • WOTRING LLP



Debra Tsuchiyama Baker is a founding and managing partner of Baker • Wotring LLP, a nationally-recognized environmental litigation and regulatory law firm providing innovative and results-oriented representation to some of the world's largest domestic and international clients in significant and complex environmental matters across the country for more than 17 years. Ms. Baker has practiced environmental law for more than 33 years and obtained her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she received the Magoichi Kato Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence for Japanese American students. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Maryland. Baker • Wotring LLP is based in Houston, Texas and is a nationally-certified women and minority-owned firm, holding certifications from NAMWOLF (National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms), WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council), NMSDC (National Minority Supplier Development Council), MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) from the City of Houston, and is a certified State of Texas HUB (Historically Underutilized Business).

Ms. Baker has been retained in connection with some of the largest environmental matters in the country, including international representation in emergency response and litigation arising out of the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill, representation in complex litigation arising out of contamination of waterways resulting in a \$100 million recovery for her client, handling legal issues for one of the largest brownfield redevelopment sites in the nation and recently representing one of the largest data companies in the world as part of the negotiating team handling Texas environmental issues and components of a \$3 billion divestiture. The Firm's combination of environmental regulatory and litigation capabilities has been nationally recognized by the U.S. News & World Report and Chambers USA has identified Ms. Baker as one of the most capable environmental lawyers in the country. The Firm has also been included in the American Lawyer's list of "Go-To Top 500 Firms" named by top Fortune 500 General Counsel.

Ms. Baker's environmental practice encompasses the full spectrum of regulatory and litigation issues, with an emphasis on the handling of difficult and complex multi-party environmental cases, Superfund, regulatory counseling and representation in enforcement, permitting, catastrophic release response, compliance and environmental support in corporate/real estate due diligence, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. As part of her environmental transactional practice, she has structured environmental risk programs to facilitate divestitures of thousands of impacted gas station and convenience store sites, hundreds of dry cleaning plants, sales and risk allocation in connection with numerous historical industrial facilities and has assisted in the decommissioning of oil and gas producing properties and impacted radioactive properties associated with natural resources production, along with other energy-related matters for major oil companies, independents, pipelines and other users of oil and gas industry pipe and tubulars. Ms. Baker has served as an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Houston Law Center and her firm provided initial funding to create that law school's Environment, Energy & Natural Resources (EENR) Center which links energy issues with impacts on environment and natural resources and provides a forum for education and discussion of the most important issues of the day, such as climate change, air pollution, clean coal and renewable energy. In addition to being a founding partner of the EENR Center, Ms. Baker also served as an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law at South Texas College of Law, and was co-founder and past Chair of the Houston Bar Association's Environmental Law Section. She is a prolific speaker on topics of environmental law and ethics, has authored several books and published more than 50 articles on environmental law and has testified in a variety of cases as an expert witness on environmental law in the United States and Canada.



She is also active in bar, law school, community and civic activities, having been appointed by Mayor Sylvester Turner as Co-Chair of his 2016 Transition Team, where she selected and supervised 13 mayoral transition committees to develop policy recommendations for the Mayor on economic development, comprehensive financial reform, infrastructure, public safety, traffic and transportation, among other topics. Ms. Baker also actively promotes issues concerning the environment, minority advancement and gender equality issues, among others. Ms. Baker was featured on the cover of Diversity & The Bar magazine, a publication of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, in connection with her work in the area of diversity. She is the recipient of the Ma'at Justice Award, awarded annually by the State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section to an individual who has actively addressed the needs and issues of women in the legal profession and the community. Ms. Baker was also awarded the Texas Bar Foundation's Dan Rugeley Price Award presented to an outstanding practitioner dedicated to the bar and public. Most recently, Ms. Baker was selected by the Association of Women Attorneys to receive the 2018 Premier Women in Law Award for her work in the area of diversity and charitable fund-raising for law-related charities. Along with a team of dedicated volunteers, Debra's 25 years of work and unique fund-raising efforts in writing and serving as a producer of Houston's annual all-lawyer charitable Night Court show (Lawyers Entertaining for Charity) have culminated in that project reaching its record-setting goal of raising more than one million dollars for law-related charities devoted to seeking justice for women and children, Ms. Baker was a former Chair of the Houston Bar Foundation, the HBA's 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, and other appointments have included serving on the Board of Directors of the Asian American Bar Association, as Vice Chair of the State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Women in the Profession, and Co-Chair of the Houston Bar Association's Gender Fairness Committee, among others. Prior to forming the Baker • Wotring LLP firm, Ms. Baker headed the Environmental Law Practice group for the 120-lawyer firm of Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton, L.L.P. for over a decade and also practiced environmental law in the D.C. and Houston offices of Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. She is admitted to practice in both the District of Columbia and Texas. Her full resume and list of publications, speeches, selected examples of environmental highlights, expert witness experience, and gender diversity initiatives can be viewed at www.bakerwotring.com.



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On January 11, 2016, Dr. Chuck Carr Brown became Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Brown had previously served as assistant secretary for environmental services in the mid-2000s. He left LDEQ to start up a successful consulting firm. He returned to LDEQ to serve an old friend and neighbor from his hometown of Amite, Governor John Bel Edwards.

Brown's insistence on relying on science and following the rules has informed his decisions and leadership style as he has dealt with a staff whose numbers declined under years of steady downsizing and with a steady parade of natural disasters.

In 2016, the worst flood in recorded history hit the Baton Rouge area, inundating more than 100,000 homes. Mountains of debris lined streets in East Baton Rouge, Livingston and Ascension parishes. Referencing a plan he himself had authored during his first tenure in response to Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, Brown devised a strategy that included temporary staging areas, a move that contractors credited with speeding up debris removal by a third. He did all this while dealing with his own flooded home.

Brown has re-emphasized LDEQ's core values, re-established the Office of Environmental Assessment and taken a hands-on approach to air quality goals. He is a strong advocate of alternative fuels and has a vision of an alternative fuels corridor that will stimulate infrastructure development. He is keenly interested in alternative fuels vehicles, especially EVs.

Brown possesses a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Southern University A&M College and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Policy/Environmental Policy from the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Southern University A&M College.

Prior to rejoining LDEQ, Brown left positions as president and CEO of Brown and Associates, LLC, a firm specializing in the delivery of environmental services, governmental relations, and issue management; and vice-president of the Metro Service Group, a New Orleans-based firm that consults in waste collection, vertical and horizontal construction and emergency response.

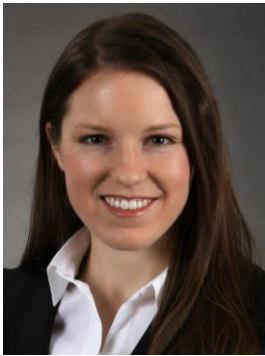
Brown currently serves as Chairman of the Environmental Council of States Waste Committee.



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Hal Fiske is an international counsel at ConocoPhillips, with a focus on developing countries. Hal worked in China and Vietnam for 18 years; as outside counsel in an international law firm, and as Managing Counsel for ConocoPhillips China. Hal currently handles mostly African matters for ConocoPhillips. He is a graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School and speaks Mandarin Chinese and French.



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Area of Emphasis

Meredith Odato Graham is an associate in the Environmental and Energy and Natural Resources groups of Babst Calland. She assists clients with a variety of environmental matters and focuses her practice on federal, state, and local regulatory and permitting issues arising under the Clean Air Act.

Ms. Graham regularly counsels companies in the chemical, oil and gas, cement and other industrial sectors regarding the environmental requirements affecting their operations. Her core practice involves assisting clients with day-to-day compliance and permitting needs for facilities located around the country, often in conjunction with technical consultants. She has experience with state and federal agency information requests and enforcement actions, as well as environmental litigation matters such as permit appeals and citizen suits. She also provides environmental due diligence services for corporate transactions.

Background

In 2008, Ms. Graham graduated *summa cum laude* with distinction in research from Cornell University, where she earned a B.S. in Natural Resources and focused her studies on Resource Policy and Management. Her work as a Cornell Presidential Research Scholar was published in the *Journal of Forestry* and her enthusiasm for environmental policy won her the title of Morris K. Udall Scholar.

Ms. Graham is a 2011 *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, earning both a J.D. and a certificate in advanced study of environmental law, science and policy. She was a Dean's Scholarship recipient and a Pitt Law Fellows Scholar. Ms. Graham was an Articles Editor for the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. She also served for three years as an elected class representative in the Student Bar Association. During her time at Pitt Law, Ms. Graham received the School of Law Community Service Award and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Ms. Graham has work experience with county, state and federal environmental agencies. She was an intern in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District Office of Counsel during her final year of law school. Also during law school, Ms. Graham participated in the Blackstone Legal Fellowship, a ministry and leadership program of Alliance Defending Freedom.

Memberships and Affiliations

Ms. Graham is admitted in Pennsylvania and is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar associations. In 2017, the Office of the Governor appointed Ms. Graham to the Pennsylvania Conservation & Natural Resources Advisory Council. She also currently serves on the University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. Past community involvement includes service on the Pennsylvania State Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Graham is an active member of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association (PIOGA), Women's Energy Network, Appalachia Chapter, and the Air & Waste Management Association, Allegheny Mountain Section.

Publications/Presentations

Co-presenter, “Air is the New Water,” Marcellus Shale Coalition’s Shale Insight 2017, September 2017.

Co-author, “Federal Court Directs FERC to Evaluate Downstream Climate Change Impacts,” The PIOGA Press, September 2017.

Presenter, “Change is in the Air: Evolving Requirements for Oil and Gas Industry Sources,” Oil and Gas Law Colloquium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, June 2017.

Author, “State and federal governments remain active in a changing regulatory landscape—air regulatory updates,” The PIOGA Press, June 2017.

Co-author, “Release of draft permits marks beginning of new era in air permitting,” The PIOGA Press, December 2016.

Presenter, “Ever-Changing Air Regulations for Fossil Fuel Exploration, Production, Transportation and End Use,” Oil and Gas Law Colloquium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, July 2016.

Presenter, “U.S. EPA’s Clean Air Act Proposals Targeting the Oil and Natural Gas Industry,” Air & Waste Management Association, Allegheny Mountain Section Luncheon, November 2015.

Presenter, “Hot Topics under the Clean Air Act,” Oil and Gas Law Colloquium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, September 2015.



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Born in Los Angeles, California, Hamada earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science with honors from the University of California at Irvine in 1986. He also holds a Masters in public policy from the University of Chicago and received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1992.

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Anne L. Idsal serves as the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 6. Her responsibilities include overseeing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas, and 66 Tribal Nations. Ms. Idsal joined the Agency having spent her career working for the Texas state government in helping shape environmental and land policy for the state.

Anne Idsal served as the first female Chief Clerk of the Texas General Land Office where she oversaw all budget and expenditure matters, and initiated the Office's reorganization efforts to optimize business functions and provide cost-savings for taxpayers. She previously served as the general counsel to Texas General Land Office where she provided substantive and procedural legal counsel to the Commissioner and led an office of attorneys on issues relating to oil and gas, coastal lands, public lands, financial transactions, and general law. An experienced Texas lawyer with extensive government experience, Ms. Idsal served as General Counsel to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, where she provided legal counsel to the Commissioners and oversaw the offices of the Chief Clerk, Public Interest Counsel, and Chief Auditor. She also served as a Special Counsel to the Chairman, providing counsel on policy development and implementation.

Ms. Idsal holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Washington and Lee University, and a law degree from Baylor University.

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Prior to joining Halliburton in 2014, Alex was a partner in a boutique sustainability strategy consultancy in London.

Alex holds a masters degree in Environmental Technology from Imperial College London, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, a practitioner member of the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment, and a Fellow of the RSA.



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Rob Johnson is Assistant General Counsel – Legal Services for Exxon Mobil Corporation, located in Houston, Texas. His areas of responsibility include leadership and management of the teams providing legal support on Environmental & Safety, Global Procurement, Real Estate, and Information Technology issues to ExxonMobil's businesses in the United States, and to ExxonMobil affiliates operating around the world. In addition, he is a member of the ExxonMobil Law Department Management Committee. He is the Law Management Committee Contact for ExxonMobil's award-winning Pro Bono Committee.

Rob served as ExxonMobil's Chief Attorney for Environmental & Safety from 2008 to 2012. From the time of the merger of Exxon and Mobil until 2008, he was Assistant Chief Attorney for ExxonMobil Production Company, where he was responsible for legal advice to ExxonMobil production operations and affiliates operating in the United States, West Africa, and Asia-Pacific. Prior to the merger of Exxon and Mobil, Rob was General Counsel of Mobil Exploration and Producing, U.S., Mobil's domestic upstream affiliate. Prior to joining Mobil, he was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Hunton & Williams.

Rob is active in pro bono and community work, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Alumni Advisory Board and School of Public Affairs Dean's Council of American University in Washington, D.C. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Interfaith of The Woodlands and the Interfaith Community Clinic. He is also a member of the Board of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers. Rob was named a 2017 Hometown Hero by Interfaith of The Woodlands for his service to the community.

Rob earned a Bachelor of Science in political science and economics from the American University and his law degree from the Georgetown University School of Law. He and his wife Christine reside in The Woodlands, Texas. They have two sons.

Daniella D. Landers

Partner

Daniella focuses her practice on a broad range of environmental compliance, transactional and litigation matters. She counsels energy companies, manufacturers, industrial facilities, financial institutions, real estate interests and other businesses on complex environmental and related land use issues, including environmental risk assessment, crisis management and incident response, environmental permitting and compliance, environmental due diligence in acquisitions and transactions, management of environmental issues affecting the upstream, midstream, downstream, and renewables/alternative energy sectors, natural resources damages claims, climate change initiatives, and pollution exposure disputes.

Daniella frequently counsels clients on corrective actions, brownfields redevelopment, environmental closures and groundwater remediation as well as assists in the review and audit of operations to address air, water and waste compliance issues for manufacturing, industrial or waste disposal facilities. She has been seconded by clients as in-house counsel on several occasions to handle environmental issues.

Daniella helps clients navigate environmental crises and develop legal response strategies tailored to each specific situation. She handles governmental investigations of environmental matters, environmental enforcement defense, responses to citizen protest actions, cost recovery claims and Superfund litigation.

Additionally, she is a prolific speaker and writer on environmental, energy and litigation issues. She has been featured in Law360 articles and on National Public Radio (KUHF). She serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

Honors and Awards

- National Diversity Council, Houston Top 15 Business Women Award, 2017
- Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce, Women in the Fast Lane Role Model, 2016
- State Bar of Texas, African-American Law Section, Outstanding Achievement Award, 2016
- Top Environmental and Land Use Attorney *Houstonia Magazine*, November/December 2016
- *Legal 500*, 2011–2015
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2005, 2007–2009
- Center for Houston's Future, Graduate, 2009
- Leadership Houston, Graduate, 2005

Recent Speaking Engagements

- 10 October 2017 Strafford Webinar Series
"Managing Environmental Risks in Mergers, Acquisitions, Spin-Offs and Reorganizations"
- 5 April 2017 Managing Global Corporate Environmental Risk: The International Trend Toward Expanded Environmental Liability



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U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court - Western District of Texas

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Michigan

Professional Admissions

Texas

Michigan

- 5 April 2017 Pipeline and Energy Expo, Tulsa, Oklahoma
"Legal Implications of Pipeline Mishaps"
- 24 February 2017 South Texas Law Review's 23rd Annual Law Review Symposium, Houston, Texas
"Ethics in Environmental & Energy Law"
- 16-17 February 2017 Institute for Energy Law's 68th Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference, Houston, Texas
"Losing Ground in Louisiana: Coastal Erosion Litigation and the Impact on the Energy Industry"
- 18 July 2016 NBA Energy Forum, St. Louis, Missouri
"Energy Regulatory and Policy Update"
- 3-4 February 2016 46th Annual Advanced Course Environmental Law 2016, Washington, D.C.
"Key Environmental Issues in the Production of Energy"
- 18 January 2016 Strafford Webinar Series
"Managing Environmental Risks in Mergers Acquisitions, Spin-Offs and Reorganizations"
- 30 September 2015 Energy Bar Association Primer: Environmental Law, Atlanta, Georgia
"Practical Considerations in the Intersection of Environmental Laws and Energy"
- 22 July 2015 National Bar Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, California
"Oil & Gas Law: Opportunities in a Distressed Market"

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Board of Directors
- State Bar of Texas, Legal Services to the Poor
- Houston Bar Association, Board of Directors
- Texas Association of Environmental Professionals
- Greater Houston Partnership, Environmental and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
- American Bar Association, Section of the Environment, Energy, and Resources
- National Bar Association, Energy, Environmental and Public Utilities Section
- Women in Energy Network, Houston Chapter, Executive Member
- Harris County Dispute Resolution Center, Volunteer Mediator
- Center for Women in Law, Leaders Circle
- Law360's Environmental Editorial Advisory Board
- Pipeline + Energy Expo Advisory Board Member

Mary Clair Lyons
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Mary Clair Lyons has been an Assistant General Counsel with Kinder Morgan, Inc. specializing in environmental, health and safety law for the past five years. Kinder Morgan is one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America with approximately 85,000 miles of pipelines and 152 terminals. Prior to Kinder Morgan, she worked in the HSE field, primarily in the refining sector, for over 20 years as both a lawyer and a technical specialist. She holds a B.S. in Geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a J.D. from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law.



Janet McQuaid
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Janet McQuaid is an attorney with Baker Hostetler LLP. She has over twenty-five years of experience in environmental law. Before joining Baker Hostetler in 2017, she worked for more than eleven years as a chemical engineer for ExxonMobil, four years as in-house counsel for El Paso Corporation (now Kinder Morgan), and more than twenty years with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. Janet works for clients in many industries, but has particular experience in the oil and gas production, transportation, refining, and petrochemical industries.

Janet frequently helps clients appeal permits and defend against permit appeals before environmental review boards, recently including a major pipeline project in Pennsylvania and a mine in Ohio. She has defended many clients against administrative and civil enforcement by environmental regulatory agencies and is currently defending a municipality in a civil enforcement action under CWA 404 and a manufacturer against Superfund and property damage claims, both in federal district court. She has helped other lawyers in her firm successfully defend against challenges based on NEPA to various types of energy project approvals. She has also handled several appeals of state and federal rules on behalf of energy trade associations.

Janet graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1978 (BScE), Houston Baptist University in 1989 (MBA), and The University of Texas in 1992 (JD), where she was Chief Manuscript Editor of the Texas Law Review. Janet is licensed and actively practices law in Texas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio. After more than 30 years in Texas, Janet moved home to Southwestern Pennsylvania in 2011, where she serves on the Executive Board of the United Way of Washington County, Pennsylvania.



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Bob Meyers is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Crowell & Moring and a member of the firm's Environment & Natural Resources Group, where he provides regulatory counseling for clients on a wide range of energy and environmental issues, including Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements and greenhouse gas regulations. Bob has also represented clients before U.S. Court of Appeals with regard to numerous CAA regulatory challenges and before EPA and state regulatory bodies with respect to CAA permitting actions. He has also provided regulatory counseling and representation concerning EPA enforcement actions.

Bob formerly led the Office of Air and Radiation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), serving as Acting Assistant Administrator and Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for that office. Prior to his work at EPA, Bob served as Deputy Chief Counsel for Energy and Environment and Environmental Counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee. His Clean Air Act experience dates back to the mid-1980s and includes work on the conference committee for the seminal 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. As a result, Bob has extensive experience and expertise in relation to both stationary and mobile source regulations, national ambient air quality standards, fuels and fuel additives, hazardous air pollutants, and ozone-depleting substances.



Ashley A. Peck, Partner
Holland Hart LLP
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Ashley Peck has more than a decade of experience representing energy and resource companies in complex environmental litigation and compliance matters, including defending and pursuing claims under the Clean Water Act, Oil Pollution Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and other environmental statutes. Ms. Peck has substantial experience resolving environmental citizen suits, appealing and defending agency permitting decisions before administrative tribunals, and defending criminal and civil enforcement actions brought by the EPA and state environmental agencies. She also serves as a trusted advisor on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Section 404 wetland permitting matters, Section 401 water quality certifications, and other regulatory matters under the Clean Water Act and its state analogs.

Ms. Peck is a partner in Holland & Hart, LLP's Environment, Energy and Natural Resources group, one of the largest environmental groups in the country. She has been recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Environment, Natural Resources & Regulatory Industries* and *Super Lawyers®*, *Rising Star (Environmental)*.



Loulan J. Pitre
Kelly Hart Pitre
New Orleans, Louisiana

Loulan Pitre leads the Louisiana offices of Kelly Hart and focuses his work on energy, natural resources and the environment. His law practice concentrates on the most challenging aspects of doing business in and protecting the vulnerable environment of Louisiana's working coast. He has represented oil and gas and other industrial companies, real estate developers, financial institutions, ports, levee districts and other public entities, and players in the construction and service industries such as contractors, engineers, and material suppliers. While serving as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2000 to

2008, he was intimately involved in the development of the state's coastal restoration and protection program and large transportation infrastructure projects such as the elevated highway to Port Fourchon. He has carried that knowledge and experience into his law practice.

Loulan has wide experience with the major federal environmental statutes, and in particular the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Clean Water Act, the Rivers and Harbors Act, the Oil Pollution Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and their Louisiana counterparts. Loulan is very familiar with the Louisiana law concerning public and private finance, procurement, and contracting. His experience includes traditional finance and procurement methods for both public and private projects, such as bidding and requests for proposals, as well as more innovative methods such as public private partnerships, securitization, and toll bonds. He is ranked in Chambers, BestLawyers, and SuperLawyers, and is a frequent speaker and writer. He is an experienced negotiator and is trained in both arbitration and mediation. He teaches International Oil & Gas Law as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law at Tulane Law School.

Loulan is also extremely well known for his practice in legacy litigation in which landowners and public entities sue oil and gas companies alleging environmental damage from oil and gas exploration and production operations. These cases often involve claims in the hundreds of millions of dollars. As lead trial counsel in *Meaux et al. v. Hilcorp et al.*, he defended two oil and gas exploration and production companies from claims of environmental damage. After a three-week trial, plaintiffs asked the jury for over \$60 million dollars. Instead, the jury's verdict resulted in no liability for defendants, a result that withstood appeal.

Loulan grew up in Cut Off in southern Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, which has grown in the past century from a collection of small Cajun French fishing villages to the central hub of the Gulf of Mexico deepwater oil and gas industry at Port Fourchon. Thus, from an early age he has understood the intricate challenges of living and working on the Louisiana coast. At South Lafourche High School, Loulan was a National Merit Scholar, a Presidential Scholar (one of 121 nationwide), and a Telluride Association Summer Program Scholar (one of 20 nationwide). He then spent seven years at Harvard, where he earned his bachelor and law degrees and numerous honors. He wrote his Harvard College magna cum laude honors thesis about a 19th century village on the Louisiana coast and his Harvard Law School senior paper about aspects of the Louisiana Constitution. He then returned to Louisiana, ultimately serving his home town as attorney to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission during a period of explosive expansion and as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives. He now lives in New Orleans. He is married to Tiffany Peperone Pitre and has four children.



Becky Raftery
BP America
Naperville, Illinois

Becky Raftery has been with BP America for ten years, and is the Managing Counsel for the US HSSE team. That team provides regulatory support to the downstream business, the Gulf of Mexico, and other businesses and functions in the US. Becky has worked on a number of regulatory and litigation matters since joining BP. Becky joined BP after practicing at a large Chicago law firm where she represented a wide variety of clients in environmental and safety matters and was a partner in the Environmental Law Group.

Becky graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Michigan Law School and is licensed in Illinois and Nevada



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Area of Emphasis

Joe Reinhart is a shareholder and co-chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Group of Babst Calland. He is also a member of the Firm's Environmental Group. His environmental practice focuses on areas of environmental law that concern oil and gas well development, chemical plant operations, coal mining and non-coal mining. In addition, Mr. Reinhart's practice includes the application of state and federal laws governing the disposal of produced waters and other wastes generated by gas, coal and electric utility industries. Mr. Reinhart also routinely counsels clients concerning risk-based remediation programs, such as Pennsylvania's Act 2 Program, particularly as they relate to wastes derived from fossil fuels.

Mr. Reinhart has more than 30 years of experience with environmental law. He has represented industrial and commercial clients in many complex permitting and enforcement matters under federal and state laws. Mr. Reinhart has negotiated consent orders with agencies to resolve liabilities associated with reclamation and remediation obligations under SMCRA, CERCLA, RCRA, the SDWA, the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, the Pennsylvania Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. He has negotiated environmental provisions in business transactions involving coal mines, petrochemical facilities and industrial properties across the United States.

Mr. Reinhart frequently lectures on new developments in environmental law and has provided comments on behalf of industry to agency regulatory initiatives. Beginning in 2003, and annually thereafter, he has been appointed by the secretaries of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). In addition, Mr. Reinhart is a Trustee of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, where he presently serves on its Law Student Scholarship Committee. He also served as co-chair of the *Oil & Gas Program* at the 60th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute in Vail, Colorado and chaired the *Oil & Gas Program* at the 2015 Annual Energy and Mineral Law Foundation Institute in Amelia Island, Florida.

Background

Mr. Reinhart earned his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1984. From 1984–1988, he served as counsel to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. Mr. Reinhart joined the law firm in 1988 and served as chairman of the Environmental Group for eight years.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Reinhart is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He is a member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the American Bar associations. Mr. Reinhart has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2003 in the Energy Law, Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, and Natural Resources Law sections and was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2018 Energy Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Pittsburgh, Pa. Since 2005, he has been ranked among Pennsylvania's top environmental lawyers in Chambers USA's America's Leading Business Lawyers.

Publications/Presentations

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Martha E. Rudolph

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Martha E. Rudolph is the Director of Environmental Programs for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where she oversees the Air Quality, Environmental Health and Sustainability, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, and Water Quality Divisions. Ms. Rudolph has been with the Department since 2007, and served as the Executive Director of the Department in 2010.

In 2015/2016, Ms. Rudolph was President of the Environmental Council of States, the national non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Research Institute of the States and is a co-chair of the ECOS Shale Gas Caucus. Previously Ms. Rudolph was the Chair of the ECOS Air Committee and the Vice Chair of the ECOS Planning Committee. She is a member of the Division on Earth and Life Studies of The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, a state advisor for the Georgetown Climate Center, and a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

A graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Rudolph is an environmental attorney, and served for 14 years in the Colorado Attorney General's Office. She has been in private practice in Denver, and was an assistant general counsel for Kinder Morgan Inc., a natural gas and energy transportation company.



Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E.
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Austin, Texas

Dr. Bryan W. Shaw of Elgin was appointed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 1, 2007. The Texas Senate confirmed his appointment on May 5, 2009 and he was appointed chairman on Sept. 10, 2009.

Shaw is an associate professor in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department of Texas A&M University (TAMU) with many of his courses focused on air pollution engineering. The majority of his research at TAMU concentrates on air pollution, air pollution abatement, dispersion model development and emission factor development. Shaw was formerly associate director of the Center for Agricultural Air Quality Engineering and Science, and formerly served as Acting Lead Scientist for Air Quality and Special Assistant to the Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Shaw served as a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Committee on Integrated Nitrogen, as well as the EPA SAB Environmental Engineering Committee and the Ad Hoc Panel for review of EPA's Risk and Technology Review Assessment Plan. Additionally, he is a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Air Quality Task Force. Since his appointment to the TCEQ, Shaw has served on the Texas Environmental Flows Advisory Group and as chair of the Texas Advisory Panel on Federal Environmental Regulations.

Shaw received a bachelor's and master's degree in agricultural engineering from TAMU and a doctorate degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Elizabeth Weaver has practiced for more than 30 years in the field of environmental law and litigation, handling a wide range of matters, focusing on Superfund, RCRA, toxic torts and water. She has tried Superfund cases to judgment and has strong experience in all facets of CERCLA practice, including serving as common counsel at complex sites. She has handled and tried or resolved numerous private cost recovery actions. Elizabeth is currently serving as counsel to a major petroleum company in connection with a range of claims relating to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

In addition to her many years of CERCLA litigation experience, Elizabeth has a wide range of experience in RCRA permitting and compliance issues, groundwater contamination suits, citizen suits under the Clean Air Act, Proposition 65, and regulatory and compliance matters. She has served as a trusted advisor to companies in the sale or purchase of brownfield properties. Due to her depth of knowledge in the environmental field, she headed a team of attorneys at her prior firm that served as national environmental counsel to a major petroleum company in all of its environmental litigation matters nationwide, litigating and resolving cases across the country involving property damage, tort, nuisance, and trespass claims, as well as statutory claims. She has also handled several criminal environmental matters.

- **Education**

JD, Duke University School of Law, 1980
BA, *magna cum laude*, Duke University, 1977

Elizabeth is admitted to practice law in federal and state courts in California and Florida.

- **Representative experience**

Hazardous waste and Superfund:

- Currently represents major oil company in claims for response costs and natural resource damages at Portland Harbor Superfund Site

- Currently represents party in claims alleging contamination of groundwater at North Hollywood Superfund Site
- Obtained dismissal of nuisance and other claims by local government seeking to impose local requirements on Superfund site cleanup in Illinois, upheld on appeal by 7th Circuit
- Obtained summary judgment in suit for contribution against waste haulers
- Litigated case against municipalities and public agencies for their role at a Superfund site in Los Angeles County, resulting in tens of million dollars in settlements
- After allocation trial, obtained judgment of 100% allocation of clean-up costs to United States government at Del Amo Superfund Site

Groundwater contamination, product liability and toxic tort:

- Defended manufacturer in "sick in building" tort case; settled favorably in late 2015
- Represented two major oil companies in multi-district litigation in New York for nationwide groundwater contamination relating to MTBE, a gasoline oxygenate
- Served as liaison counsel in California state-wide MTBE litigation against major petroleum retailers
- Defended Proposition 65 discharge cases at mining operation

Transactional and regulatory:

- Recently advised client in the sale of major brownfields property in Los Angeles
- Resolved RCRA enforcement issues at hazardous waste treatment facility
- RCRA permitting of treatment facility
- Mediated disputes among companies over cost-sharing in non-litigation context

• **Admissions**

- California State Bar

• **Rankings and recognitions**

- Chambers USA, California: Environment, *Chambers & Partners*, 2008 - 2017
- Southern California Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters*, 2004 - 2018
- Southern California's Top Rated Lawyers, *LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell*, 2012 - 2013
- Lawyer of the Year, Los Angeles: Environmental Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2018
- The Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2013 - 2018

• **Publications**

- "New Life for Brownfields: Contaminated Site Liabilities Can be Successfully Managed," *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, April 1997

• **Speaking engagements**

- "Environmental Emergencies and Enforcement Actions -- How to Respond to a Warrant, a Raid, or a Release," Annual Environmental Health and Safety Conference, Long Beach, California, February 15, 2012

• **Memberships and activities**

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Section of Environmental Law
- American Cancer Society - Los Angeles Chapter
- LACBA Domestic Violence Project



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About Tim

Tim Wilkins is a partner in the Environmental Strategies Group at Bracewell LLP. His clients rely on him for strategic environmental advice at the federal and state levels, including permitting assistance, the defense of environmental enforcement actions and assistance with the environmental aspects of major transactions. He has overseen environmental compliance audits involving thousands of locations, handled hundreds of environmental audit disclosures and pioneered the development and use of U.S. EPA's audit policy for new owners. Clients also note in *Chambers USA* that Tim is "fantastic, detailed and very strong with management systems" as well as capable of delivering "practical, cost-effective solutions for his clients" (2011).

Tim serves as the Managing Partner of Bracewell's Austin office. In addition to his duties at Bracewell, Tim periodically teaches the course in Corporate Environmental Law at The University of Texas School of Law.



Carol M. Wood
King & Spalding LLP
Houston, Texas

For more than 25 years, Carol has defended clients in all aspects of environmental law, including international arbitration, U.S. federal and state litigation, and environmental compliance. She has focused for the last 15 years on environmental issues arising in the energy space – both oil and gas and mining.

Examples of her experience include: representing Chevron Corporation and Texaco Petroleum Company on the environmental issues in the investment arbitration against the Republic of Ecuador; representing The Renco Group, Inc. on the environmental issues in its investment arbitration under the UNCITRAL rules against the Government of Peru; advising an international oil and gas company on southeast Asia litigation arising out of environmental issues related to its operations. In addition, she has represented energy companies in oilfield contamination disputes in the U.S., both in court and before administration oil and gas boards. Carol is currently representing oil and gas clients in defense of climate change litigation in the U.S.

Carol has spoken and written on numerous topics, including environmental issues arising out of decommissioning; defense of environmental claims arising out of international investor/state arbitration; remediation of historic oil and gas operations; and ecosystem damages.