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**Debra Baker**  
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**Debra Baker** is a founding and managing partner of the nationally-recognized environmental and commercial litigation boutique law firm of Baker • Wotring LLP. Ms. Baker has practiced environmental law for more than 36 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 BS, *Summa Cum Laude*, from the University of Maryland. Baker • Wotring LLP is based in Houston, TX and is a nationally-certified women and minority-owned firm, holding certifications from Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) from the City of Houston, and is a certified State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB).

Ms. Baker’s practice encompasses the full spectrum of environmental issues, with an emphasis on the handling of difficult and complex multi-party environmental cases, Superfund, environmental regulatory counseling and representation in enforcement, permitting, catastrophic release response, compliance and environmental support in corporate/real estate due diligence and transactional matters. She has negotiated more than 25 Consent Decrees in water, air, solid and hazardous waste as well as other media, many of which contained innovative provisions at the time. Ms. Baker is an author and editor of the First and Second Editions of the Texas Environmental Law Handbook, published in January 1989 and October 1990 and is a co-author of two other books on environmental law. She has also authored and published more than 50 articles on environmental law, has lectured extensively on environmental legal issues, and has testified in a variety of cases as an expert witness on environmental law in the United States and Canada. She has litigated multi-million environmental cases and achieved precedent-setting results on behalf of both her governmental and private sector clients, with Chambers USA recognizing Ms. Baker as one of the most capable environmental lawyers in the Country. The Firm enjoys a national reputation for its environmental and litigation experience, having been nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and Best Law Firm ranking in the top tiers of environmental law and specialty litigation, and handles cases across the country.



**Karen Bennett**  
 Partner/Co-Chair, Environmental and Administrative Law Practice  
 Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP  
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**Karen Bennett** is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Lewis Brisbois and co-chair of the Sustainability and Environmental, Social, and Governance Practice, Environment, Land, & Natural Resources Law Practice, Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, and the Government Relations Group. She resolves regulatory problems, focusing primarily on permitting, compliance, litigation, and legislative and regulatory policy under the Clean Water Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Federal Emergency Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Bennett was Vice President for Environmental Affairs at the National Mining Association, the Washington, DC based trade association that represents the coal and hardrock mining industry before Congress, the Administration, and regulatory agencies.

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**F. Paul Calamita**  
 Chairman  
 AquaLaw PLC  
 Richmond, VA

**Paul Calamita** has practiced environmental law for almost 30 years. He is first and foremost an environmental counselor and negotiator. He has considerable national experience advising businesses and local governments in all major facets of the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act and environmental compliance. He has helped his clients to negotiate some of the leading permits, orders, decrees, as well as a wide range of other environmental and utility-related agreements.

Mr. Calamita also has handled a wide range of administrative and judicial proceedings and has successfully lobbied state and federal agencies and legislatures on environmental and funding-related matters. He serves as General Counsel to five state and one national association comprising water, wastewater and stormwater public utilities.

Mr. Calamita earned his BS in Biology from the College of William and Mary (1987) and his JD from the University of Virginia (1992). He co-founded AquaLaw with his partner, Chris Pomeroy, in 2002.

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**David Chung**  
 Partner  
 Crowell & Moring LLP  
 Washington, DC

**David Chung** is a partner in Crowell & Moring's Environment & Natural Resources Group. His practice focuses on litigation, regulatory advocacy, and regulatory counseling involving major environmental statutes. David has experience handling matters arising under various environmental and public lands statutes, including the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Mr. Chung also regularly handles or advises clients on litigation arising under the Administrative Procedure Act. He has extensive experience litigating in federal courts and representing clients in a wide range of proceedings before federal agencies.

He recently served for two years as a co-chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) Water Quality and Wetlands Committee.

Before that, he served as vice chair (Electronic Communications & Social Media) and as vice chair (Committee Liaison to Annual Water Law Conference) of the ABA SEER Water Quality and Wetlands Committee.

Mr. Chung graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2002, where he earned a BA from the Plan II Honors Program. He earned his law degree at the George Washington University Law School in

2005, graduating with honors. While in law school, he served as the senior notes editor of the *Public Contract Law Journal*. In 2005, he co-chaired and co-authored the competition problem for the McKenna Long & Aldridge "Gilbert A. Cuneo" Government Contracts Moot Court Competition.



**Richard Davis**  
Principal  
Beveridge & Diamond, PC  
Washington, DC

**Richard Davis** has practiced almost exclusively under the federal Clean Water Act and its state analogues since joining Beveridge & Diamond in 1981. Chairing or co-chairing the firm's Clean Water Practice Group for more than 15 years, Mr. Davis helps direct one of the most innovative and dynamic clean water practices in the United States.

Mr. Davis represents both individual industrial dischargers and industry groups, including groups representing the nation's airlines and manufacturers of recreational vessels. He also has extensive experience representing local clean water agencies, giving him an excellent understanding of the demands on those publicly owned treatment works and, in turn, their perspective when regulating indirect industrial dischargers. His work for these private and public clients runs the gamut of Clean Water law, including permitting, pretreatment, Total Maximum Daily Loads, Combined Sewer Overflows, enforcement defense of agency and citizen suits, and regulatory negotiation and strategic planning.

Mr. Davis clerked for the Honorable H. Emory Widener, Jr., US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, from 1980 to 1981. He co-authored "Water Pollution," Chapter 18, Volume 4, *Environmental Law Practice Guide: State and Federal Law*; and co-authored "Storm Water Regulation of Construction Activities," Chapter 29, *Environmental Aspects of Real Estate Transactions*. In addition, Mr. Davis co-authored "EPA Changes Rules on Clean Water Act Grant Appeals," 56 *J. Water Poll. Cont. Fed.* 14 (1984), and authored "Protection of a Debtor's 'Fresh Start' Under the New Bankruptcy Code," 29 *Cath. U. L. Rev.* 842 (1980). Mr. Davis was an Attorney-Advisor to the Joint AMSA/EPA Audits Study Group in 1985. He has also been a Professorial Lecturer at Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and American Bar Association. He received his JD from Catholic University Columbus School of Law and his BA from Syracuse University.



**Alexandra Dunn**  
 Partner  
 Baker Botts LLP  
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**Alexandra Dunn** is a Partner in the Environmental, Safety, and Incident Response group at Baker Botts who brings to clients extensive institutional knowledge and a keen ability to help solve regulatory problems. Her relationships and reputation for transparency, fairness, and equity, make her an effective presence in difficult settings. Ms. Dunn works with major companies and national organizations on the management of emerging contaminants (PFOS/PFAS), on environmental justice and risk communication, and enforcement and compliance assistance.

With US Senate unanimous consent, Ms. Dunn was Assistant Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (2019-2021). Overseeing 900 staff, she created policies implementing laws governing chemicals and pesticides. Prior, she was Administrator for New England (Region 1) (2018-2019).

Previously, Ms. Dunn was Executive Director and General Counsel of the Environmental Council of the States. She has held other dynamic roles: Executive Director and General Counsel of Association of Clean Water Administrators; Dean of Environmental Law Programs at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; General Counsel of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies; and Counsel at ACC. A published author, she has taught environmental justice at three law schools.

Ms. Dunn serves on the ELI Leadership Council, Board of Regents of the American College of Environmental Lawyers, and in the American Bar Association.



**Professor Debra Gammons**  
 Director, Office of Diversity Initiatives  
 Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law  
 Charleston School of Law  
 Charleston, SC

Professor **Debra Gammons** joined the Charleston School of Law Faculty in January 2009 as the acting director of diversity initiatives and a Distinguished Visiting Professor. She received her BA from the College of Charleston with a major in English, and her JD from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Professor Gammons was President of Student Government and President of the Peer Mentor Association at the College of Charleston. She was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. Upon graduation, Professor Gammons won the highest award given by The College (*Bishop Robert Smith Award*), the *McConnell-Mood-Mohrmann Student Government Award*, *Lucille S. Whipper Award*, and several other awards. She was President of the Student Bar in Law School and won several awards. In Law School, she also served as Associate Justice of the Moot Court Bar and President of the Public Interest Law Society, among serving in other organizations.

Professor Gammons began practicing law in the Solicitor's Office in Charleston. Before joining the Charleston School of Law, she served as Assistant City Attorney for Greenville, South Carolina for eleven years, where she prosecuted criminal cases and represented the City of Greenville in civil actions.

At Charleston School of Law, Professor Gammons teaches Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Sex and Gender Issues and the Law, and Trial Advocacy. She also serves as the Director of the Office of Diversity Initiatives. She is a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. She is a Delegate in the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates. She has served as Trustee with the College of Charleston Board of Trustees and as Commissioner of the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct. She currently serves as President-Elect of the Charleston County Bar Association, Chairperson of Trinity Montessori

School Board of Directors, Chairperson of the College of Charleston Friends of the Library Board, and a member of the College of Charleston Graduate School Advisory Board.



**Devin Goodrich**  
 Senior Counsel, Environmental Law Division  
 New York City Law Department  
 New York, NY

**Devin Goodrich** has been an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Environmental Law Division of the New York City Law Department since 2011. She practices environmental and municipal law, working on a variety of issues relating to New York City’s drinking water supply, wastewater collection and treatment systems, parks, and solid waste management.

From the beginning of Ms. Goodrich’s career at the Law Department, her work has included counseling and litigation involving the City’s wastewater management. She has counseled the City on Clean Water Act compliance, from meeting the requirements of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for the City’s 14 wastewater treatment plants, which treat approximately 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater per day, to development and implementation of long-term control plans to reduce combined sewer discharges to New York City’s water bodies.

She has also regularly counseled and litigated on behalf of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to enforce the City’s Watershed Regulations and protect the City’s water supply system – which supplies approximately 1.1 billion gallons a day of high quality, affordable drinking water to over nine million people.

Ms. Goodrich received a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA with highest honors in English from Cornell University.



**Robert Griffin**  
 President/Chief Executive Officer  
 Shield Engineering, Inc.  
 Charlotte, NC

**Robert Griffin** is a registered Professional Engineer at Shield Engineering, Inc. and has over 40 years' experience working with Water Sector operations, Chemical Sector, Pharmaceutical Sector and other governmental and non-governmental clients on a broad spectrum of environmental issues associated with industrial and municipal wastewater treatment, as well as a full range of environmental permitting. A frequent speaker and instructor, Mr. Griffin has taught numerous Pretreatment Courses and Industrial User Classification and Permitting - Pretreatment Training Courses, as well as Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Oil and Grease Course for municipalities. He has presented VSAT™ training sessions to municipalities across the country. He has provide training for clients ranging from US EPA and the Department of Justice to Petrochemical and Manufacturing Associations and over 1000 different municipalities.

Mr. Griffin has chaired the North Carolina Water Environment Association (WEA) Committee responsible for developing and implementing training for the certification of operators of physical/chemical treatment systems. He has been associated with operator training for over 25 years.

Mr. Griffin is a Grade IV Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, and Grade II Physical Chemical Operator in NC. Prior to becoming a consultant Mr. Griffin worked for municipal government in the capacity of Industrial Waste Technician, Chemist, Industrial Waste Division Manager, and System Protection Division Head for 20 years.



**Shawn Hagerty**  
 Partner  
 Best Best & Kreiger LLP  
 San Diego, CA

**Shawn Hagerty** works with public agencies in CA and throughout the United States to solve complex legal problems, with an emphasis on federal and state water quality and water supply laws. His years of experience serving as both general and special counsel to public agencies give him a deep understanding of the best practices, trends and approaches necessary to obtain permits for, and successfully implement, small and large-scale water quality and water supply projects. Because of Mr. Hagerty's experience as a city attorney, a unique aspect of his practice is his focus on the relationship between land use and water.

Mr. Hagerty's practice involves helping his public agency clients assess and comply with the numerous federal and state water quality regulations. This includes work under the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state equivalents to these federal laws. He advises clients regarding the obtaining of, and compliance with, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, and represents clients in administrative actions regarding such permits. His work includes stormwater permits, industrial permits (including construction), permits for publicly owned treatment works, water supply

permits and 404 permits/401 certifications. It also includes related work triggered by the Endangered Species Act and other federal and state environmental laws that are involved in water quality and water supply projects. Mr. Hagerty works with the Environmental Protection Agency and state water quality officials on these matters.

In addition to his water quality and water supply experience, Mr. Hagerty provides both general and special counsel services to CA cities and public agencies regarding general governance and land use issues. Since 2003, Mr. Hagerty has served as city attorney for the City of Santee, CA. Since 2009, he has also served as corporate counsel to Civic San Diego, a nonprofit corporation that provides permitting, economic development and project management services to the City of San Diego in specific portions of the City. As counsel to these and other CA entities, Mr. Hagerty has developed experience in governance and land use matters applicable to CA cities and public agencies.



**Edward Henifin**  
 General Manager  
 Hampton Roads Sanitation District  
 Virginia Beach, VA

**Ted Henifin** joined Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) in 2006, as General Manager. HRSD has a long history of innovation in the wastewater sector and under his leadership HRSD has broadened their focus to add sustainable water management to HRSD’s innovation portfolio with their SWIFT initiative. He previously served as Director of Public Works for the City of Hampton. Mr. Henifin holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia.

His career has spanned more than 35 years with a focus on public works and utilities in federal, regional and local government in Hampton Roads. He is a registered Professional Engineer and has been active with professional associations throughout his career. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies (“VAMWA”) and Virginia Forever; is the Vice Chair of the US Water Alliance's One Water Council, and serves on the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Financial Advisory Board. Mr. Henifin is active in various civic and community organizations in the Hampton Roads community currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Langley Federal Credit Union and is a member of the Board of Directors for WHRO Public Media.





**Kin Hill**  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Charleston Water System  
 Charleston, SC

**Kin Hill** was named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in December 2006 by the Charleston Water System's (CWS) Board of Commissioners.

As the utility's top executive, Mr. Hill is responsible for the daily operations of CWS and its 450+ employees. Prior to becoming CEO, Mr. Hill served as chief operating officer, overseeing the water distribution and wastewater collection operations, which include 1,800 miles of water mains, 700 miles of sewer mains, and more than 200 pump stations.

Mr. Hill came to CWS in 1987 to serve as director of wastewater operations and became director of collection and distribution in 1994. Under Mr. Hill's leadership, the Water Distribution department led CWS efforts to earn ISO 14001 certification for the implementation of an Environmental Management System.

Before CWS, Mr. Hill worked for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for more than nine years, lastly serving as district director of the Aiken Environmental Quality Control Office where he was responsible for management and administration of six county areas in all fields of environmental quality control.

Mr. Hill is a registered professional engineer in the state of SC. He earned his MS degree in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from the University of South Carolina and his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from Clemson University. Mr. Hill is active in water and wastewater industry organizations including the American Water Works Association and Water Environment Federation, and is an "A" level registered water distribution and wastewater collection system operator.

Mr. Hill serves on the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Environmental and Technical Committee, the Greater Charleston Chamber of Commerce Board, the Charleston Regional Development Alliance Board, and Trident United Way Board.



**Emily Jackson**  
 Co-Chair, NACWA's Legal Affairs Committee  
 General Counsel  
 Metro Wastewater Reclamation District  
 Denver, CO

**Emily Jackson** is the General Counsel for the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in Denver, CO. The Metro District operates two wastewater treatment plants, a fifty-five-thousand-acre farm and extensive collection systems that serve over 60 local governments and special districts comprising of over 2 million people in the Denver Metro Area. Prior to taking the position at the Metro District, Ms. Jackson worked for the Colorado Attorney General's Office and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. Jackson sits as Co-Chair of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Legal Affairs Committee. She holds a BA from University of Colorado and a JD from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary. Ms. Jackson is a member of the CO bar.

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**Gerald Linder**  
 General Counsel  
 Clean Water Services  
 Hillsboro, OR

**Jerry Linder** has served as General Counsel for Clean Water Services (formerly known as Unified Sewerage Agency) since 1996. Clean Water Services treats wastewater and manages stormwater for urban Washington County, serving over 613,000 residents.

Prior to becoming General Counsel for Clean Water Services, Mr. Linder was in private practice for seven years. He was associated with the law firms of Kirkland & Ellis (Los Angeles office) and Stoel Rives in Portland, OR.

Mr. Linder received his JD from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles (*Cum Laude*) and earned his BA in Business Administration from the University of Washington. Mr. Linder is admitted to practice in both OR and CA.

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**Jeffrey Longworth**  
 Partner  
 Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
 Washington, DC

**Jeffrey Longworth** practices at the cutting edge of Clean Water Act (CWA) issues and its application to regulated entities across the country. After decades of practical experience in this specific and complex area of the law, Mr. Longworth has seen, experienced and resolved the critical challenges his clients and their constituents face from both the individual business and industrywide perspectives. Mr. Longworth's clients rely on him to interpret CWA provisions in novel and original ways. They appreciate that he rises to the occasion to protect their interests with sound and balanced answers to sophisticated questions that rarely warrant a single, simple or straight-forward analysis or response.

To further respond to his clients' needs, Mr. Longworth has expanded his CWA practice into related and overlapping areas, including emerging contaminants, sustainability and energy efficiency. These evolving challenges help him to remain at the forefront of environmental counseling and strategic thinking.

Smart, creative and detail-oriented, Mr. Longworth is a team player who is personally invested in making a difference to those around him. Clients and colleagues alike respect his comprehensive knowledge not only of the law, but also regarding the realization of client objectives. Mr. Longworth cares about how his clients are perceived in the community and by regulators. He is diligent in his representation of client interests and advocates their point of view, while also building productive working relationships that ultimately reflect favorably on their reputation.

Mr. Longworth is a frequent speaker, educator, writer and media commentator on environmental law. He also is a cycling enthusiast and ice hockey player, and formerly played rugby and soccer.



**Kerry McGrath**  
 Partner  
 Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP  
 Washington, DC

**Kerry McGrath** possesses a valuable blend of experience as a natural resources and environmental lawyer, assisting client on matters related to the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and other environmental statutes. She regularly offers proactive advice and counsel to clients and their business, which are guided by evolving regulatory and compliance requirements. She has significant experience with federal litigation, including litigation related to administrative rulemakings and defense of major federal environmental permits. She represents groups from a wide variety of industry sectors, including utilities, mining, oil and gas, renewables, agriculture, consumer products, housing and development, and related trade associations and industry coalitions.

As counsel on the many significant water cases and regulatory proceedings of recent years, Ms. McGrath has been able to offer clients smart judgment and practical advice to guide their short-term decision making and long-term planning. She represents major industry groups on key issues such as the scope of federally regulated "waters of the United States" and requirements for utilities and manufacturers under EPA's section 316(b) rule for existing facilities.

Ms. McGrath maintains a broad environmental practice, advising clients on all aspects of environmental permitting and compliance for complex projects and operations, including, among others, electric transmission, distribution, and other structures across federal lands, power generation facilities and renewable generation projects, manufacturing facilities, housing and development projects, mine projects, and pipelines and related facilities. As she has extensive experience with CWA section 404 dredge and fill permitting and related federal requirements, such as NEPA review and the ESA section 7 consultation process. She regularly assists applicants in obtaining and defending federal permits for complicated energy and development projects. She also advises clients on the changing Environmental Justice requirements and best practices.



**Hilary Meltzer**  
*Co-Chair, NACWA's Legal Affairs Committee*  
 Chief, Environmental Law Division  
 New York City Department of Law  
 New York, NY

**Hilary Meltzer** became Chief of the Environmental Law Division of the New York City Law Department in 2019 after serving as Deputy Chief for nine years and has been a member of that Division since 1992. She practices environmental and municipal law, focusing especially on issues relating to New York City's drinking water supply and stormwater management systems.

She has worked on the negotiations and implementation of the 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determinations for the City's Catskill and Delaware Water Supply Systems – which together supply approximately 1.1 billion gallons a day of high quality, affordable drinking water to over nine million people. She also remains involved in implementing the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, a landmark agreement among the City, New York State, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the communities in the watershed, and several environmental advocacy organizations to protect water quality as well as the economic vitality of the upstate communities.

Her work includes counseling and litigation – both affirmative lawsuits to protect water quality and compliance work and defending against challenges to the City's operation of its water supply system. She participated in the negotiation of New York City's 2005 Combined Sewer Overflow consent order and the Citywide MS4 permit that took effect in 2015, and is currently working with over a dozen City agencies to develop a workable approach to compliance.

Ms. Meltzer received a JD from Yale Law School and a Bachelor's degree with distinction in mathematics from Swarthmore College. She teaches a clinic, "Representing the City," at New York University Law School. She is currently Co-Chair of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Legal Affairs Committee.



**Traci Minamide**  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 LA Sanitation and Environment  
 Los Angeles, CA

**Traci Minamide** serves as Chief Operating Officer for the City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Department, a department of over 3,000 employees with an annual revenue of \$1 billion. She has been with the City for over 30 years serving in many capacities, including water planning, industrial pretreatment, environmental regulations, wastewater treatment, biosolids, and water reclamation.

Ms. Minamide holds a BS in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, an MS in Environmental Engineering from Loyola Marymount University, and certification in Executive Management for State and Local Government from Harvard University. She is also a licensed professional Civil Engineer in the State of CA and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer through the American

Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. She serves as President for the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and was a member of the State of California's Advisory Panel on Direct Potable Reuse.

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**Kishia Powell**  
*NACWA President*  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 DC Water  
 Washington, DC

**Kishia Powell** joined DC Water in May 2020, and serves as the Authority's Chief Operating Officer, overseeing all operating departments, as well as the Customer Service and Administration clusters. Ms. Powell previously served as Commissioner of the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, where she had served since June 2016. With expertise in sustainable infrastructure management and utility operations, she has leveraged 22 years of experience in both the public and private sectors to successfully serve municipalities across the US and London, England.

In 2018, Ms. Powell was nominated for the *Center for Servant Leadership/Turknett Group Leadership Character Award*; and she received the *Pacesetter Award* from the National Association of Minority Contractors. In 2019 and 2020 she was recognized as one of GA's Top 100 Influential Women in *Engineering Georgia Magazine* and received the *WaterNow Alliance's 2019 Impact Award* for leadership in closing the country's first publicly offered Environmental Impact Bond. On behalf of DC Water, Ms. Powell serves on the Board of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies as the Board President.

Ms. Powell is a licensed Professional Engineer in DC, MD, and VA. She holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Morgan State University's Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. School of Engineering. Throughout her career she has maintained a strong sense of ethics and has distinguished herself as a leader, blending global reach, local knowledge, strategic thinking, and technical excellence to deliver sound solutions.

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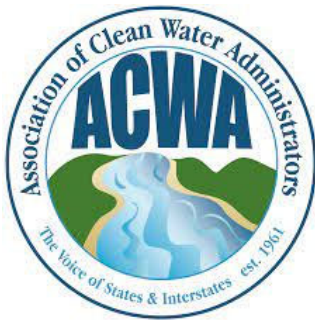
**Erika Powers**  
 Partner  
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**Erika Powers'** clients include municipalities, utility districts, trade organizations and other regulated parties across the country. She advises on a wide variety of Clean Water Act (CWA) issues, including wet weather management and wastewater treatment. She also assists clients with matters involving water quality standards, the listing and delisting of impaired water bodies, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development and implementation, effluent limitations guidelines for wastewater discharges, and water permitting, compliance and enforcement.

Notably, she provides veteran legal counsel regarding regulatory matters involving state and federal environmental agencies, as well as CWA administrative and judicial litigation. She advocates to support her clients' interests in water quality rulemaking and policy development, crafts strategies to achieve

client objectives while maintaining compliance with water quality regulations, helps clients contest agency decisions in federal and state courts, and defends clients against citizen suits and agency enforcement actions seeking damages and penalties.

Listed among The Best Lawyers in America in environmental law, Ms. Powers is valued for her ability to balance national water policy with the daily challenges of managing local, regional and multistate water-related initiatives. She helps clients achieve their goals while addressing agency concerns in the decision-making process. Because many of her clients are at the forefront of innovation in water quality law and face the challenge of budgetary constraints, she remains steadfastly dedicated to helping them maximize their results with limited resources while adhering to state and federal regulations.



**Sean Rolland**  
Deputy Director  
Association of Clean Water Administrators  
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**Sean Rolland** is the Deputy Director and provides direct support to the Executive Director and the ACWA Board of Directors. He also supports several ACWA Committees and Workgroups, serving as a liaison to managers and staff at the federal agencies. Sean drafts letters, position statements, and testimony to be presented to Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Having worked with the Association for almost 20 years, his duties also include grants management, budget development, vendor negotiations, and contract review. He also keeps the membership informed on proposed CWA guidance, regulations, legislation, and recent case law. Sean initially joined ACWA in 2002 as a Legal & Policy Analyst. He has a law degree from Stetson University College of Law and has undergraduate degrees in both Marine Biology and Environmental Studies from Stockton University.



**Andrew Sawyers**  
Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Andrew Sawyers** is the Director of the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, DC. He oversees the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, the Clean Water Act's mechanism for the permitting of municipal and industrial discharge into surface waters of the US. As the Director of OWM, Mr. Sawyers is also responsible for multiple technical and financial assistance tools for the development and maintenance of the country's wastewater infrastructure, including WIFIA, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and EPA's Water

Finance Center.

He previously worked for the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration where he managed the state's Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs and the Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund. Mr. Sawyers has a PhD from Johns Hopkins University in Geography and Environmental Engineering.



**Andrew Silton**  
Principal  
Beveridge & Diamond PC  
Washington, DC

**Andrew Silton's** practice focuses primarily on issues arising under the nation's water quality laws and spans regulatory counseling, enforcement defense, and litigation. He is currently the Deputy Chair of the firm's Water Practice Group and represents clients from both the private and public sectors in matters arising under the Clean Water Act and state law. Mr. Silton advises clients in a variety of sectors, ranging from waste and stormwater utilities to companies in the renewable energy, information technology, oil and gas, and transportation sectors.

Mr. Silton also plays an active role in the firm's pesticide data compensation practice. He has brought multiple arbitrations to obtain compensation from competitors who have relied on clients' pesticide data to obtain registrations. Mr. Silton has also represented members of the pesticide industry in high profile administrative law litigation impacting the regulation and registration of pesticide products.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Silton gained experience working for the government and tackling emerging issues relating to adaptation to climate change. Immediately after graduating from Georgetown University Law Center, he served as a special law clerk at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Philadelphia, where he prepared cost recovery and enforcement actions under CERCLA and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).



**Erica Spitzig**  
Attorney  
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**Erica Spitzig** focuses her practice on environmental matters. Prior to joining Taft, she served as Deputy General Counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) in Washington, DC, where she worked to advance NACWA's legal and regulatory advocacy on behalf of publicly owned wastewater and stormwater utilities nationwide.

Ms. Spitzig has significant experience representing clients on Clean Water Act matters, and has worked extensively with municipalities on clean water legal and regulatory issues. Her work includes counseling clients on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting, compliance and appeals; stormwater permitting; and enforcement defense. She has also represented state and national associations as amici curiae in cases involving the Clean Water Act in the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.



**Joseph Theis**

Associate Director, Water Enforcement Division,  
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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Joe Theis** is currently the Associate Director of the Water Enforcement Division in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This past year he served as Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Civil Enforcement where he was responsible for overseeing all EPA regulatory enforcement programs. He has previously served as Chief of both the Municipal Enforcement Branch and the Industrial Enforcement Branch in the Water Enforcement Division, and as attorney litigating Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act enforcement cases for the Agency. Mr. Theis received an LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law from Lewis & Clark Law School. He is a native of KY and received his JD from Salmon P. Chase College of Law and a BA in Biology from Thomas More College.



**Nathan Vassar**

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Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC  
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**Nathan Vassar** is a Principal at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. in Austin, TX. His practice focuses on assisting clients with enforcement defense matters, regulatory compliance, water quality matters, and water resources development. Mr. Vassar helps communities facing Clean Water Act compliance issues and represents clients in enforcement and civil litigation matters before federal and state courts and administrative agencies. Prior to the practice of law, Mr. Vassar worked in state politics as a Legislative Director for a State Senator in VA and interned during law school with then-Tenth Circuit Judge Neil Gorsuch in Denver, CO. Mr. Vassar received his BA at the University of Virginia and his JD from the University of Texas School of Law.



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