

Speaker Biographies

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**Julia Anastasio**

Executive Director and General Counsel
Association of Clean Water Administrators
Washington, DC

Julia Anastasio joined the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) in May 2014 as the new Executive Director and General Counsel. Ms. Anastasio has over 15 years of experience in government, administrative law and federal policy development. She began her career with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as an Executive Policy Specialist and then she returned to Washington, DC in 2005 to work for the America Public Works Association (APWA). While at APWA, she focused on environmental, sustainability and infrastructure development at the local, state and federal levels. At ACWA, Ms. Anastasio focuses on working with state water program directors and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water on ensuring that the states have the resources they need to implement the Clean Water Act in their home states.

Ms. Anastasio earned her BA from Franklin Marshall College, her Masters in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School, and her JD from American University.

**Sam Brown**

Partner
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Sam Brown is a Partner with Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP in San Francisco, CA where he represents public and private sector clients around the country on a variety of issues that include permitting, compliance counseling, administrative and civil enforcement defense, and litigation, with a particular focus on surface and drinking water quality, wetlands, oceans, and groundwater matters under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and other federal and state authorities. He also focuses on multi-media government investigations, incident response, and defending clients against government enforcement actions and NGO citizen suits.

Prior to joining Hunton Andrews Kurth, Mr. Brown was an attorney in US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC where he focused on the national implementation of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act and in the EPA's Office of Regional Counsel in San Francisco where he focused on civil and administrative enforcement.



Richard Davis
Principal
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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.



Hilary Meltzer
Co-Chair, NACWA's Legal Affairs Committee
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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-Chairs on the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Legal Affairs Committee.



Andre Monette

Partner

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Andre Monette works with both public and private clients in matters involving water quality issues. He is a member of the Environmental & Natural Resources practice group in Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BB&K) Washington, DC office. Mr. Monette works extensively with water districts, cities, counties and agricultural interests, and other private entities on matters involving the Federal Clean Water Act and its state law analogues.

Mr. Monette works with public agencies and farmers on matters involving water rights, water supply and water quality. He also works with investors interested in water projects, helping funds assess the viability of potential water related investments.

A major area of focus for Mr. Monette's practice is the intersection of the water quality and water supply regulation. Federal and state laws across the nation divide water quality and water supply regulations into separate categories that often do not intersect and can preclude efficient use of the supply. His practice focuses on areas of overlap where acute knowledge of multiple regulatory schemes is required, including; streambed restoration, groundwater recharge projects, indirect potable reuse projects, large scale recycled water projects, and effluent limitation compliance.

Mr. Monette is the managing partner of BB&K's Washington, DC office.