

Speaker Biographies

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D. Rees Alexander
Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs
Columbus, OH

D. Rees Alexander focuses on environmental litigation, regulatory matters and environmental issues in transactions. His practice includes all facets of environmental law, including matters under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, CERCLA and Safe Drinking Water Act. A uniquely experienced litigator, Rees is also a leader in the environmental law community, currently serving on the executive committee for the Ohio State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section.

Mr. Alexander has served as trial counsel in numerous trials and administrative hearings, primarily concerning surface water and drinking water issues, and has also provided oral arguments at the appellate level. In addition, he advises several clients in the automotive and engine manufacturing industries regarding compliance with new and existing environmental and transportation regulations. In this area, he focuses on risk management and enforcement defense with respect to Clean Air Act mobile source regulations.

Mr. Alexander is a former Ohio Assistant Attorney General, and represented Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management. In that role, he served as the lead environmental counsel in the state's challenges to rulemaking addressing the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

He is active in the community, serving in an advisory role for Broad Street Achievement Programs, a free afterschool tutoring program. He is also active in the moot court program and other mentoring programs at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



Julia Anastasio
Executive Director & General Counsel
Association of Clean Water Administrators
Washington, DC

Julia Anastasio joined the Association of Clean Water Administrators in May 2014 as the new Executive Director and General Counsel. Ms. Anastasio has 18 years of experience in government law and policy. In the early 2000s she worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and for the last 9 years she has worked with

the America Public Works Association (APWA). With APWA, she focused on environmental, sustainability and infrastructure development at the local, state and federal levels and has extensive experience in with federal advocacy and administrative law before Congress and the Executive branch agencies. She is passionate about the role of state government in in developing and implementing national water policy and looks forward to working with ACWA's membership.

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.



Jeff Kray
Partner
Marten Law LLP
Seattle, WA

Jeff Kray is an accomplished, first-chair environment litigator with over 26 years of experience in water quality, water resources, and complex environmental litigation, with particular expertise in Clean Water Act permitting and regulatory compliance, CERCLA (Superfund) site remediation, and emerging contaminants.

Mr. Kray regularly advises businesses and local government in water quality permit compliance and defense matters, responding to emerging contaminants (including PFAS) in water supplies, stormwater pollution prevention, hazardous waste spill prevention and cleanup, and cost recovery litigation. He also frequently consults with water right owners and purchasers on preserving, acquiring, and transferring water rights. He has assisted a broad range of clients, including water suppliers, irrigation districts, municipalities, developers, manufacturers, commercial and timber land owners, interstate transporters, lumber mills, and ports.

Mr. Kray is a frequent speaker and writer on water law and policy, particularly on the intersection between water rights and water quality. He has lectured extensively on the Clean Water Act, state water quality laws, and state and federal water rights. He has held leadership positions in the Water Resources and Water Quality and Wetlands Committees of the American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources.