

# Ocean and Coastal Law Enforcement: Enforcing Ocean Water Quality Standards

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### Moderator & Panelist Biographies

#### **Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute**



Bruce Myers is a senior attorney at the Environmental Law Institute. He has written and spoken on a range of environmental subjects in the U.S. and abroad. His domestic areas of expertise include protection of water resources (with an emphasis on Clean Water Act jurisdiction), constitutional environmental law, industrial agriculture, and chemicals regulation. Previously, Mr. Myers was a litigation attorney with a Washington, DC law firm and served as a law clerk to Senior Judge Edward Rafeedie of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, at Los Angeles. Mr. Myers holds a BA from the University of Virginia and a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

#### **Richard S. Davis, Principal, Beveridge & Diamond, PC**



Richard S. Davis represents industry groups, companies and municipalities in the full range of matters arising under the Clean Water Act. He regularly advises both commercial and municipal clients with respect to permitting strategy in light of rapidly evolving Clean Water Act regulations. In addition, he defends both public and private enforcement actions brought under the Act. Mr. Davis frequently lectures on permitting, regulatory strategy and compliance assurance systems under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts and has coauthored or authored a number of publications on water quality issues. Mr. Davis clerked for the Honorable H. Emory Widener, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, from 1980 to 1981. He received his JD from Catholic University Columbus School of Law and his BA from Syracuse University.

#### **Loren Denton, Chief, Municipal Enforcement Branch, Water Enforcement Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



Loren Denton currently leads EPA's Municipal Enforcement Branch of the Water Enforcement Division in Washington, DC. Mr. Denton has served in various capacities over his 15-year tenure with EPA, beginning as an Air Enforcement Inspector and Case Development Officer in the Chicago office in 1997. Between 2003 and 2006, he was EPA's national expert on coal-fired power, while he also served as an Environmental Engineer in the Air Enforcement Division in DC. Mr. Denton has served within the Water Enforcement Division since 2006. Mr. Denton holds an MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Colorado; in his free time, he is working towards a PhD in Engineering Management from George Washington University.

### **George Hawkins, General Manager, DC Water and Sewer Authority**



George Hawkins was named General Manager of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) in September 2009. Mr. Hawkins' work with DC Water includes efforts to improve aging infrastructure and comply with increasingly stringent regulatory requirements. He is also building new relationships with local and national environmental advocates to work in tandem to achieve the next generation of water quality improvements. Prior to joining DC Water, Mr. Hawkins served as director of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE). He came to the District following his tenure as executive director of New Jersey Future, a non-profit organization which, under his leadership, came to be recognized as the state's foremost advocacy group promoting smart growth. Mr. Hawkins also served as executive director of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and has held senior positions with the U.S. EPA. He holds a Bachelor's from Princeton University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

### **Christopher Kilian, Vice President and Director, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) Vermont; Director, Clean Water and Healthy Forests**



Christopher Kilian is Vice President and Director of CLF Vermont and also directs CLF's Clean Water and Healthy Forests Program. Mr. Kilian provides strategic leadership and litigation direction on CLF's water and forest advocacy throughout New England. He has litigated numerous Clean Water Act cases before administrative agencies and state and federal courts. These have included stormwater, TMDL challenges, NPDES permits, thermal discharge and cooling water intake, wetlands, water quality certification, and nonpoint source matters. Prior to his work at CLF, Mr. Kilian spent eight years with the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Chris's work has been recognized with several awards including in 2011 the Anne M. Blackburn Award from the Charles River Watershed Association, in 2009 the Aqua Award from the Clean Water Network, and in 1998 the Charlie Shaw Conservation Partnership Award from the National Wildlife Federation. He received his BA in Political Science from the University of Rochester and his JD and MS in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.