



Jackson Kelly's Environmental practice area handles environmental legal issues as diverse and unpredictable as nature itself.

For many years, the Appalachian region has harbored some of the largest chemical manufacturing, resource extraction, and energy production facilities in the U.S. As a result, we have been in the forefront of major new permitting programs and defending enforcement actions by the government and citizen groups.

Our attorneys are nationally recognized. We have been involved in some of the most significant federal and state environmental policy issues in recent history. Attorneys in our group have practiced environmental law since the early 1970s, meaning they witnessed the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Having literally grown up along with these laws, we possess the type of institutional knowledge that can't be learned from a book.

Our Environmental practice area attorneys are skilled litigators, having tried multiple cases in federal and state court, as well as before administrative boards. We also represent clients in appellate matters.

Our clients include individuals and corporations, including manufacturers, chemical companies, electric utilities, coal companies, oil and gas producers and distributors, waste disposal concerns, and industrial firms, at the federal and state level. Clients often consult the Environmental practice area proactively for advice on how to prevent enforcement actions and litigation and best accomplish their business goals.

The Environmental practice area has extensive experience handling matters involving:

- Brownfields sites
- Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA)
- Clean Power Plan issues
- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance
- Permitting, enforcement, variances, and citizen suits
- Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)
- Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA)
- Water quality regulation
- Waters of the United States issues

- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Toxic Substance Control Act