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Chris M. Hunter is a Member in the Energy industry group, focusing primarily on coal and litigation. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Chris has extensive experience working on some of the state's most prominent environmental issues. He routinely handles litigation and counsels clients on environmental matters such as permitting and surface and water pollution issues at the state and federal levels.

Chris has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the United States District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of West Virginia as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He regularly represents clients before the West Virginia Surface Mine Board and the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board.

Chris helps usher in the next generation of legal professionals in his role as Summer Clerk Program Coordinator for Jackson Kelly PLLC's recruiting committee.

Awards

- *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars for Environmental Litigation Law (2013-2018)
- *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars (2012)



Notable Legal Experience

- State Court Civil Litigation: Jury Trial on Water Contamination Lawsuits in Preston County in summer of 2013; 16 Water Contamination Lawsuits pending in Wyoming County Circuit Court
- Federal District Court: Bench Trial in Southern District of West Virginia on CWA Citizen Suit in April 2014; numerous CWA citizen suits pending in Southern District
- Circuit Court of Appeals: Briefed CWA cases before 4th and 6th Circuits; Oral Argument before 4th Circuit in Black

Lung case in 2008

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2004-Present)

Practices

- Environmental
- Tax

Industries

- Coal
- Energy

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2004)
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University (B.A., 2000)

Admissions

- West Virginia (2004)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2004)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2004)

Professional Organizations

- West Virginia Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

- Co-presenter, "The Clean Water Act 'Permit Shield:' Recent Developments and Front Line Perspectives," ALI Webinar (April 16, 2015)

Community

- Read Aloud West Virginia program at Piedmont Elementary School
- State Bar Lawyer Information Service