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M. Shane Harvey is a Member of the Firm and practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia. He is on the Firm's Executive Committee and leads the Firm's Environmental Practice Group and Coal Industry Group. He counsels clients on compliance issues and frequently litigates environmental, energy and commercial matters.

Shane has significant experience in both law and business, having served as in-house counsel and general counsel for energy companies for more than a decade. Shane understands the need for practical legal advice from the client's perspective – he knows his clients want the right answer, as quickly and as cost-effectively as possible.

Shane also understands the industries he serves, with years of on-the-ground experience. Shane is as comfortable in a hard hat and steel-toed boots as he is in a court room or board room. Clients rarely encounter a problem that Shane has not already seen.

Finally, Shane knows the players. He has represented energy clients since the beginning of his legal career and has defended countless suits brought by the Sierra Club and other environmental activist groups. He knows their playbook, which allows him to be several steps ahead. This is invaluable for both defending lawsuits and counseling on how to prevent them.

It also does not hurt that Shane is someone people cannot help but like – courteous, funny, and yet still professional, he can talk to clients about anything from golfing to gardening. In his spare time, Shane has coached youth sports in Putnam County, West Virginia, and established a student scholarship in Summers County, West Virginia. Shane is not an open book though. What's the "M." stand for? He'll never tell.

Awards

- West Virginia *Super Lawyers*® - Energy & Natural Resources Law (2016-2017)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Environmental Law and Mining Law (2017)

Notable Legal Experience

Enforcement and Cleanup:

- Represented publicly traded energy company in enforcement and cleanup efforts following highly publicized spill affecting waterways in multiple states

Clean Water Act Litigation:

- Represented multiple publicly traded energy companies in CWA enforcement actions

Environmental Disclosures to SEC:

- Represented publicly traded companies in environmental disclosures made in public filings with the SEC

Environmental Crisis Management, Planning, and Counseling:

- Counseled publicly traded companies on crisis management planning

Permitting Appeals:

- Represented multiple clients in permit appeals under numerous environmental statutes

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2011-Present)
- Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (2011)
- Massey Energy Company (2000-2011)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1994-2000)
- Goldman Sachs (1991)

Practices

- Appellate
- Environmental

Industries

- Coal
- Energy
- Oil & Gas

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1994)
 - *West Virginia Law Review*, General Editor
- Virginia Tech (B.A. in Finance, *summa cum laude*, 1991)
 - Graduated first in Finance class (1991)
 - Virginia Tech Finance Student of the Year (1991)

Admissions

- West Virginia (1994)
- U.S. Supreme Court (2009)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (2016)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (1994)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (1994)
- West Virginia Supreme Court (1994)

Professional Organizations

- Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee

Speaking Engagements & Publications

- AAPL 61st Annual Meeting, Co-presenter, with Aaron S. Heishman, “Lessons from the Anti Coal Movement: The Next Attack on the Oil and Gas Industry” (Nashville, Tenn., June 17, 2015)
- WVONGA Spring Seminar: Co-presenter, with Aaron S. Heishman, “What the Oil and Gas Industry Can Expect from the Sierra Club” (Wheeling, W.Va., May 13, 2015)
- AAPL Appalachian Land Institute: Speech, with Aaron S. Heishman, “Lessons Learned from the Coal Industry: The Next Attack on Oil and Gas” (Oct. 3, 2014)

Community

- Putnam County Youth Sports, Coach
- Summers County (West Virginia) Student Scholarship, Founder