

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT MINING ATTORNEYS

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2017

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Hotel Roanoke

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 – 7:00 Informal Welcome Happy Hour
Deschutes Brewery Tasting Room
315 Market St. SE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 – 8:45 Registration (no continental breakfast)

8:45 – 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Emily Morris, Esq., COGMA 2017 Chair
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

9:00 – 11:00 **40th Anniversary of SMCRA: Its Past, Present, and Future**
Anna Fletcher, Esq.
Office of General Counsel, Kentucky Energy and Environment
Cabinet

Alexis Long, Esq.
Kathleen Vello, Esq.
Christine Belka
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,
U.S. Department of the Interior

Emily Morris, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:00 **Federal Litigation Update**
Moderator: Daniel Kilduff, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 **Ethics: The Ethics of Negotiation**
C. Simon Davidson, Esq.
McGuireWoods LLP

2:00 – 3:00 **Air Quality Issues: Fugitive Dust and Noise**
John Henson, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

William Winters
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,
U.S. Department of the Interior

Barbara Grabowski, Esq.
Joseph Iole, Esq.
Office of Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:00 **Citizen Suits**
Ashley Brown, Esq.
State of Alaska Law Department

Paul Kugelman, Esq.
Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

4:00 – 5:00 **Tribal Consultation**
Annette Tarnawksy, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

Mychal Yellowman, P.E.
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,
U.S. Department of the Interior

5:00 – 5:15 Survey (Optional)
Courtney Shea, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior (Retired)

5:30
6:30 Happy Hour (Cash Bar)
Dinner/Business Meeting
Billy's Restaurant (Ritz Room)
102 Market St. SE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:30 – 9:15 **State Litigation Update I – Western States**
Moderator: Steve Alder, Esq.
Office of the Attorney General, State of Utah
- 9:15 – 9:45 **The Fate of the Stream Protection Rule and Its Aftermath**
Susan Ely, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 12:00 **Bankruptcy 101: Lessons of Recent Coal Operator Bankruptcies**
Alan Tenenbaum, Esq.
National Bankruptcy Coordinator, Environmental Enforcement
Section, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, U.S.
Department of Justice
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Ethics: Dealing with Parties Represented by Counsel**
Jennifer Bockhorst, Esq.
U.S. Attorney’s Office (W.D. Va.), U.S. Department of Justice
- 2:30 – 3:15 **State Litigation Update II – Eastern States**
Moderator: Anna Fletcher, Esq.
Office of General Counsel, Kentucky Energy and Environment
Cabinet
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Water Quality Issues: WOTUS Update and Treatment Trusts**
Ruth Hamilton Heese, Esq.
Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Barbara Grabowski, Esq.
Joseph Iole, Esq.
Office of Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:30 Depart Hotel Roanoke in Motor Coach from Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum for a tour of Roanoke's Railroad Heritage.
- 11:30 Arrive Virginia Transportation Museum
You can continue exploring Virginia's Transportation Heritage at your leisure or return to the Hotel Roanoke.