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Biography

Scott Watson concentrates his practice in environmental law and the energy industry. He advises clients on complex regulatory and litigation matters involving federal and state environmental law, including NEPA, CERCLA, RCRA, EPCRA, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, the Underground Injection Control Program of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

Industries

- Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships (P3)
- Aerospace and Defense and Government Services

Practices

- Resources, Energy and Environment Law
- Economic Incentives

Education

- Vermont Law School J.D. 2006 magna cum laude, Salutatorian
- Vermont Law School M.S.E.L. 2006 magna cum laude
- University of Michigan B.S. 2003

Representative Experience

- Helping clients with sale of renewable energy credits and advanced cleaner energy credits
- Working with natural resources clients on tribal, cultural and historic preservation issues
- Assisting in the underground injection control permitting under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act
- Assisting in development of permits for a coal-fired electric generation facility
- Permitting and siting wind farm developments
- Assisting in obtaining licenses and exemptions for distilled spirits plants and other users and generators of ethanol

Honors and Awards

- Named as a Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2012-20
- Moot Court Advisory Board
- *Vermont Law Review*, Senior Managing Editor
- *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*, Production Coordinator

Publications

- President Obama Indicates He Will Forge Ahead on Greenhouse Gas Regulations , 1/21/2015
- International Environmental Law: The Practitioner's Guide to the Laws of the Planet: United States, 9/9/2014
- Part 201: Hazardous Substance Regulation, *Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook*, ch. 5
- The Convergence of Mining Law and Environmental Law, *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*

Professional Affiliations

- West Michigan Air and Waste Management Association
- American Wind Energy Association

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
Member, Environmental Law Section Council
- Grand Rapids Bar Association
Chair, Environmental Law Section (2013)
- Energy Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- 2016 Summer Conference & Annual Meeting, State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Real Property Law Section Conference, July 12-16, 2016, Boyne Falls, Michigan
- "In Search of . . . Judicial Guidance under Part 201," Webinar, Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, June 11, 2013
- "Clean Renewable and Efficient Energy Act and What it Means to Consumers, Developers and Load Serving Entities," West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, March 2009

Clerk Experience

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, Honorable Robert J. Jonker

Admitted

- 2006, Michigan