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PRACTICES

Air
Climate Change
Energy Transition
Litigation & Investigations
Renewable Energy

EDUCATION

Temple University Law School
Princeton University School of
Public and International Affairs
Haverford College

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar
New Jersey State Bar
U.S. District Court for the Middle
District of Louisiana

KYLE W. DANISH
PARTNER



Professional Background

Kyle Danish is a leader in the firm's [Energy Transition](#) practice and is a globally recognized legal and policy expert on energy projects; the energy transition; climate change policy, carbon markets and green finance; government relations; and environmental regulation. He has over two decades of experience assisting clients in navigating complex issues at the intersection of business and government policy.

Kyle has been ranked as a leading practitioner by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *the International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers*, *Lawdragon*, and *Best Lawyers in America*. *Chambers Global* has rated Kyle among the top 10 climate change lawyers worldwide.

Kyle regularly publishes articles and white papers on legal and policy issues, including recent publications on [oil and gas sector methane policies](#); reforming Nuclear Regulatory Commission policies for licensing [advanced nuclear reactors](#); possible future policies for [exports of Liquefied Natural Gas](#); and options for designing tax credits for [carbon removal projects](#).

He is a Senior Associate (Non-Resident) in the [Center for Strategic and International Studies'](#) Energy and National Security Program. He is also on the Editorial Board of the [Carbon & Climate Law Review](#).

Kyle is a Member of the Board of the [Montgomery County Green Bank](#), which partners with the private sector to finance clean energy, energy efficiency, and resilience projects.

Kyle serves as a member of Van Ness Feldman's Executive Committee.

Representative Experience

- Advising multiple clients on differentiated gas and federal methane policies for the oil and gas sector, including Environmental Protection Agency's methane regulations.
- Advising an electric power company on the Environmental Protection Agency's development of greenhouse gas performance standards for fossil fuel-fired power plants.
- Advising an energy company on permitting reform legislation.
- Advising an energy company on opportunities to generate RINs and e-RINs under the Renewable Fuel Standard.
- Commissioned by two think tanks to develop policy and legislative concepts for reform of Nuclear Regulatory Commission policies for licensing advanced nuclear reactors.
- Advising the [Clean Hydrogen Future Coalition](#) on implications of Environmental Protection Agency regulations for clean hydrogen projects.
- Providing counsel on policy, permitting, carbon credits, and siting issues to a developer of carbon dioxide removal projects.
- Advising multiple clients on federal funding opportunities, including from tax credits, grants, and government procurement.
- Acting as Special Carbon Counsel for an investment bank that has developed a carbon fund that finances afforestation projects throughout South America to generate voluntary carbon credits.

Government Service

Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources
Special Assistant to the Secretary, 1990-1992

Awards and Honors

"Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*

Environmental Law, since 2011
Litigation-Environmental, since 2011

Lawdragon – The Green 500

2024 - 2025

Super Lawyers

Since 2010

Legal 500

Environment - Transaction and Regulatory, since 2014

Chambers USA

Climate Change, since 2008
Environment (Washington, DC), since 2011

International Who's Who of Business Lawyers

Environmental Law, since 2010

Chambers Global

Climate Change, since 2008

Who's Who Legal, Climate Change

Leading Individual, since 2017

Who's Who Legal, Environment

Leading Individual, since 2020

Articles and Presentations

- Will Trump Mend or End Federal Methane Rules?, 01/27/2025
- Federal Environmental Policies Affecting Gas Transmission & Storage - Energy Bar Association Webinar on Natural Gas Pipeline & Modernization, Energy Bar Association, 03/12/2024
- Federal Methane Policies: Legal Issues - Environmental Law Institute Global Methane Regulation Webinar, 01/31/2024
- Understanding the SEC Climate Disclosures Proposal , REAL Professionals Network, 04/13/2022
- [Federal Methane Policies - Presentation to 4th Annual ONE Future Methane and Climate Strategies Workshop](#), Houston TX, 11/11/2021

Alerts

- Congress Passes ADVANCE Act to Accelerate Deployment of Advanced Nuclear Reactors, 06/24/2024
- Treasury Proposes Clean Electricity Tax Guidance, 05/31/2024
- EPA Finalizes Major Power Plant Rules, 04/26/2024
- SEC Issues Climate Disclosure Rules, 03/11/2024

- Department of Energy Freezes Review of Applications to Export Liquefied Natural Gas, 01/26/2024
- EPA Proposes Rules to Implement IRA Methane Fee Provisions, 01/23/2024
- EPA Finalizes Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Sector, 12/06/2023
- Taking Stock of a Big Month for Methane Policy, 11/20/2023
- EPA Releases Landmark Greenhouse Gas Standards for Power Plants, 05/12/2023
- EPA Proposes Updated RFS Volume Requirements and a New RFS Credit Market for Electric Vehicles, 12/06/2022
- EPA Proposes More Stringent Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Facilities, 11/15/2022
- Supreme Court Limits EPA's Authority to Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 06/30/2022
- SEC Unveils Landmark Climate Disclosures Proposal, 03/22/2022
- EPA Proposes New Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Facilities, 11/03/2021
- House Democrats Introduce Revised CLEAN Future Act, Ready Chamber for Action on Climate Change and Infrastructure, 03/05/2021
- Climate Change Policy Update: President Issues Executive Order Directing Whole-of-Government Response to Climate Crisis , 02/22/2021