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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

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*.

In addition, Kyle is the lead author on a recent article regarding advanced nuclear reactor policy entitled, "[Will Risk Aversion Avert the Energy Transition? Reforming NRC Policy for a New Age of Advanced Reactors](#)".

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 in the most populous county in Maryland.

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

Representative Experience

- Providing counsel to the developer of a clean hydrogen production project.
- Providing counsel on policy, permitting, carbon credit, and siting issues to a developer of carbon dioxide removal projects.
- Advising multiple clients on federal funding opportunities arising from the Inflation Reduction Act, including 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.
- Advising an energy company on disclosure under the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework, including analyzing scenarios for future climate policies and related impacts on Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 reporting.
- Advising multiple clients on federal methane policies, including the methane fee established under the Inflation Reduction Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed 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 companies on federal funding and permitting issues related to critical minerals and rare earth elements projects.
- Advising an energy company on permitting reform legislation.
- Representing a coalition of rural electric power co-operatives in a lawsuit against a generation owner

over the allocation of charges for environmental compliance.

- 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.

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

Legal 500

Environment - Transaction and Regulatory, since 2014

Chambers USA

Climate Change: 2008-2024

Environment (Washington, DC): 2011-2024

International Who's Who of Business Lawyers

Environmental Law, since 2010

Super Lawyers

Since 2010

Chambers Global

Climate Change: 2008-2024

Lawdragon, Green 500, 2024

Who's Who Legal, Climate Change

Leading Individual, Since 2017

Who's Who Legal, Environment

Leading Individual, Since 2020

Articles and Presentations

- 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, Readying 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