



Andrew Wheeler

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Andrew provides Cabinet-level strategies to help clients navigate legislative and regulatory challenges involving federal government and agencies.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Federal Affairs

INDUSTRIES

Mining
Oil and Gas
Energy and Resources

EDUCATION

George Mason University Costello
College of Business, M.B.A., 1998

Washington University School of Law,
J.D., 1990

Case Western Reserve University, B.A.,
1987

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Andrew brings a robust combination of broad-based policy and legislative expertise to help businesses assess priorities, opportunities, and risks to reach informed operational and investment decisions. He draws on deep relationships with decision makers on Capitol Hill, the executive branch, federal agencies, and trade associations, to deliver a suite of strategic services, with specialized expertise advising on environmental and energy issues.

His intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the federal government and policy engagement on behalf of regulated industries give him a unique understanding of how to accomplish business objectives in the Washington, DC ecosystem. For almost a decade, Andrew led the federal Energy and Environmental practice at Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting, providing federal regulatory and government affairs advice to clients in a range of industries, including energy and resources, food and beverage, manufacturing, construction, and agriculture.

As EPA Administrator (and Deputy Administrator), Andrew led the 14,000-member agency, oversaw a \$9 billion budget, and led all aspects of setting and implementing the national environmental agenda. For almost 15 years he held significant leadership roles on US Senate committees. He served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for both the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, Wetlands, and Nuclear Safety, with responsibility for formulating and executing legislative and policy agendas.

Most recently, Andrew established the first Office of Regulatory Management for the Commonwealth of Virginia and served as the Acting Secretary of Natural History and Resources. Andrew reformed Virginia's regulatory process creating state-wide efficiencies and transparencies as well as creating the first state-wide online permit tracking process in the country. He also led Virginia's artificial intelligence initiatives and oversaw critical negotiations with utilities and other stakeholders to work through regulatory and permitting frameworks required to build and operate data centers.

EXPERIENCE

Andrew has significant experience in all areas of environmental and

energy policy and law, including:

- Federal legislative and regulatory affairs
- Federal and state statutory and regulatory programs to address climate change and limit greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial sector
- Defending Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act investigations and enforcement proceedings
- Federal litigation involving environmental and land management statutes
- Environmental compliance and permitting

PUBLICATIONS

"Trump Administration Issues Executive Orders Impacting the Energy Industry," *Federal Affairs Update*, March 3, 2025

"Opinion: Trump Can Pull the Plug on EV Mandates," *The Wall Street Journal*, December 25, 2024

"Leveraging the Congressional Review Act to Shape Policy in the New Congress," *Federal Affairs Update*, December 4, 2024

"SCOTUS Curbs Agency Power, Empowering Businesses in Four Admin Law Cases ," *US Supreme Court Update*, July 24, 2024

"What's on Congress' PFAS Agenda? ," *PFAS Update*, May 21, 2024

"EPA Imposes Stringent Greenhouse Gas Rule for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants," *Air Quality Update*, April 25, 2024

"CERCLA Liability Heats Up: EPA Designates PFAS Chemicals Hazardous Substances," *PFAS Update*, April 23, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"How Congress and the Federal Agencies Are Adapting to the Trump Administration," Panelist, *2025 Environment and Natural Resources Summit*, March 13, 2025

"Power Shift: What to Expect for Energy Policy in a New Administration and Congress," *American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)*, Washington, D.C., February 26, 2025

"Capitol City AI Symposium: Impact of AI on Cybersecurity and National Defense," Panelist, Washington, D.C., October 10, 2024

"The Capital City AI Symposium Series: Navigating Uncertainty," Panelist, Washington, D.C., July 31, 2024

RECOGNITION

- Rainey Center, Joseph H. Rainey Empowered Leadership Award, 2024
- National Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Energy Good Scouts Award, 2019

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- The Society of the Cincinnati, Virginia Chapter, Board Member, 2022-present
- George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law Adjunct Professor, 2024
- National Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Executive Committee and Board Member, 2023-present
- White Coat Waste Project, Advisory Board Member, 2022-present