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PRACTICES

Environmental
Federal Affairs
Congressional Oversight and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Mining
Oil and Gas
Data Centers

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

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Andrew provides Cabinet-level strategies to help clients navigate legislative, oversight and regulatory challenges involving environmental statutes, governmental agencies, and energy policy.

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.

He advises clients, including corporations, private equity firms, and trade associations on regulatory and litigation risks across the environmental and energy space. Andrew counsels clients on opportunities presented by government actions and changes in the marketplace. As a former senior U.S. Senate professional he staffed over 400 oversight and legislative hearings, and as a political appointee he personally testified a dozen times before Congress. He utilizes this experience to provide strategic communication and oversight advice on reputational issues impacting a client's bottom line and advocates on their behave before the media and official proceedings.

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 and Historic 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 chemicals, pesticides, climate change and PFAS.
- 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

"New PM2.5 Designations Could Shape Economic Development Across the West," *Air Quality Update*, October 20, 2026

"House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Advances $580 Billion BUILD America 250 Act," *Federal Affairs Update*, May 22, 2026

"EPA Launches Water Reuse Action Plan 2.0: New Opportunities to Shape Water Reuse Policy," *Federal Affairs Update*, April 21, 2026

"House Committee Advances SPEED Act: Major NEPA Reforms Target Permitting Delays," *Federal Affairs Update*, November 24, 2025

"Trump Administration Accelerates Critical Minerals Strategy with $10+ Billion in New Deals," *Federal Affairs Update*, November 10, 2025

"Now the EPA Shutdown Really Begins," *Federal Affairs Update*, October 22, 2025

"Key Environmental and Energy Takeaways from the Senate's $914 Billion National Defense Authorization Act," *Federal Affairs Update*, October 17, 2025

"Don't Get Caught Off Guard: Essential Shutdown Preparation for Federal Projects," *Federal Affairs Update*, September 22, 2025

"Summary of Trump Administration's Release of AI Action Plan," *Federal Affairs Update*, July 24, 2025

"Letters to the Editor: Missouri Should Protect Access to Glyphosate," *Springfield News-Leader*, April 25, 2025

"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

"Fireside Chat with the Deputies: DOE, DOI, EPA," Facilitator, *Holland & Hart Federal Affairs*, Washington, DC, January 29, 2026

"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
- White Coat Waste Project, Policy Pioneer Award, 2019
- National Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Energy Good Scouts Award, 2019

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law Adjunct Professor, 2024-present

- National Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Executive Committee and Board Member, 2023-present
- Log Cabin Institute – Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, 2025-present
- White Coat Waste Project, Advisory Board Member, 2022-present
- The Society of the Cincinnati, Virginia Chapter, Board Member, 2022-2025