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Services and sector groups

- Environmental
- Energy

Becky Kimmel practices in the McNeese's Energy and Environmental Law Group, a team that addresses regulatory and legal counseling needs within the business, industrial and energy industries.

While pursuing her law degree, Becky served in a variety of positions in the energy, environmental and wildlife industries. As a legal intern with the Conservation Law Foundation assisting the Clean Energy and Climate Change and Clean Air and Water teams, she developed legislation summaries for distribution among lawmakers, lobbyists and other stakeholders in the Vermont statehouse; drafted notices and pleadings relating to Clean Water Act matters; and navigated the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) database.

Becky served as a summer associate with an environmental management consulting company researching per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS or "forever chemicals") regulation, superfund sites, natural resource damage assessments (NRDAs) and other environmental legislative and regulatory developments for business and industrial clients as well as monitoring congressional hearings and EU public consultations. As a student clinician with the Environmental Advocacy Clinic's Wind Policy Team, she analyzed offshore wind development best management practices as they align with Endangered Species Act policy; collaborated with nonprofits and agencies to draft Biden Administration offshore wind policy guidelines; evaluated Incidental Harassment Authorization applications and permits; and drafted and edited comments for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on behalf of clients.

At the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) in Egypt, Becky served as a member of the Palau delegation as its adaptation team negotiator. There, she represented Palau in international negotiations focused on adaptation measures to address climate change and negotiated alongside delegates from all nations in the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) negotiating bloc. She also met delegates, leaders, lawyers, advocates and climate policy experts from around the world.

Becky also served as a newsroom intern on the Opinions team with The Patriot News/PennLive and as a Congressional Intern with the U.S. House of Representatives. Becky grew up in central Pennsylvania and brings her strong local roots to assist business and industrial clients in navigating the maze of environmental and energy regulation and litigation.

Education

- Vermont Law School, J.D.
- Messiah University, B.A., journalism and politics, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania