



## Kristin L. Watt

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Ms. Watt is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and chair of the energy and environment group. Her practice focuses on environmental compliance and counseling, enforcement defense, environmental audits, and permitting issues. She also assists with due diligence in business and commercial real estate transactions and the contracting provisions related to each. Ms. Watt has special expertise in landfills and petroleum underground storage tanks.

She practices before both administrative bodies and the courts.

### Career highlights include:

- Arguing successfully before the 10th District Court of Appeals
- Regularly appearing before the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board where she has been successful in arguing issues relating to insurance coverage
- Settling a \$3 million dollar case for a governmental agency client

Ms. Watt is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law National Council.

Ms. Watt has spoken on many topics, including multimedia audits, environmental audit privileges, environmental issues related to real estate transactions, storm water regulations, underground storage tanks, and *Daubert* issues.

Ms. Watt received her J.D. with honors from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law and her B.S.B.A. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University.

### Publications

"Paper or Plastic? Retailers May Be Losing Choice," co-author, *Environmental Law* 360, May 2009

"Environmental Homework Will Pay Off When Taking On Infill

### Practice Areas

Energy and Utilities  
Environmental  
Litigation

### Industries

Commercial and Residential Real Estate  
Energy and Utilities  
Manufacturing  
Nanotechnology  
Oil and Gas

### Education

The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, J.D., 1989, with Honors  
The Ohio State University, B.S.B.A., 1986, *cum laude*

## Kristin L. Watt (Continued)

Projects,” *Business First*, July 2007

Contributor - Energy & Environmental Law Blog

“E-Check” Tests Vehicle Emissions in Ohio

*Client Alert:* EPA Announces Carbon Nanotubes to be Treated as New Chemical Under TSCA

*Client Alert:* Nanotechnology Excluded from Insurance by Continental Western Insurance Group

*Client Alert:* Paper or Plastic?

### Professional and Community Activities

Opera Columbus, Trustee, 2004-2010

Ohio State Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee, Chair, present; Vice-Chair, 2008-2010; Secretary, 2007-2009

Ohio State Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee, Annual Seminar, Co-Chair, 2006

The Ohio State University Varsity O Women’s Alumnae Society, President, 1992-1994; Board Member, 1992-2002

Columbus Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee, Chair, 2000-2001

The Ohio State University Athletic Council, Alumni Representative, 1995-1999

The Ohio State University Alumni Advisory Council, 1997-1999

Radio Color Commentator for The Ohio State University Women's Basketball Team since 1987

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law National Council, 2000-2010

### Honors and Awards

*The Best Lawyers in America*, Environmental Law, 2008-2012

Fellow of the Columbus Bar Foundation since 1998

*Ohio Super Lawyers*, Environmental, 2004-2007, 2009, 2012

*Business First*, Forty under 40, 1994

## Kristin L. Watt (Continued)

*Chambers and Partners*, Leading Lawyer in Natural Resources and Environment, 2007-2011

*Columbus CEO*, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012

### Events

27th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar

Ohio Oil and Gas Association Winter Meeting

OOGA 2011 Conference Series

Ohio Shale Production: What You Need to Know

CityScape Columbus: A View Towards Development & Growth Opportunities

CityScape Cleveland: A View Towards Development & Growth Opportunities

26th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar

25th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar

Ohio Environmental Law Seminar: Solid and Hazardous Waste Law Update

### Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio