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Chris M. Hunter is a Member in the Energy industry group and Tax Practice group, focusing primarily on litigation, environmental law, and state and local tax issues. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Chris has worked on some of the state's most prominent environmental issues. He routinely counsels clients on environmental matters such as permitting and surface and water pollution issues at the state and federal levels. Chris also routinely handles litigation in both state and federal courts.

Additionally, Chris represents clients on a wide range of state and local tax issues before the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals, various County Commissions sitting as Boards of Equalization and Review, and in numerous Circuit Courts. Chris advises clients on issues related to West Virginia's ad valorem property tax, sales and use tax, severance taxes, business and occupation taxes, and state income taxes.

Chris has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the United States District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of West Virginia as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He regularly represents clients before the West Virginia Surface Mine Board and the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board.

Awards

- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law and Litigation - Environmental (2020-2025)
- *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars for Environmental Litigation Law (2013-2018)
- *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars (2012)

Notable Legal Experience

- State Court Civil Litigation: Jury Trial on Water Contamination Lawsuits in Preston County in summer of 2013; 16 Water Contamination Lawsuits pending in Wyoming County Circuit Court
- Federal District Court: Bench Trial in Southern District of West Virginia on CWA Citizen Suit in April 2014; numerous CWA citizen suits pending in Southern District
- Circuit Court of Appeals: Briefed CWA cases before 4th and 6th Circuits; Oral Argument before 4th Circuit in Black Lung case in 2008

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2004-Present)

Practices

- Environmental
- Tax
- Government Relations
- Renewable Energy

Industries

- Coal
- Energy
- Mining

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2004)
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University (B.A., 2000)

Admissions

- West Virginia (2004)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2004)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2004)

Professional Organizations

- West Virginia Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

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- Presenter, "Market Place Facilitators," West Virginia Tax Institute Annual Meeting, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia (Oct. 28, 2019)
- Co-presenter, "The Clean Water Act 'Permit Shield:' Recent Developments and Front Line Perspectives," ALI Webinar (April 16, 2015)

Community

- Read Aloud West Virginia program at Piedmont Elementary School
- State Bar Lawyer Information Service