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## The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill – What Natural Resources and Energy Lawyers Need to Know

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 | 9:00 am – 12:45 pm MST | Virtual Seminar**

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The \$1 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill,” signed in November 2021 is sweeping federal legislation to improve and modernize the United States’ infrastructure. Though touted as “roads and bridges” legislation, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill touches nearly every element of domestic energy development and natural resources and reflects a shift in federal policy toward reducing net greenhouse gas emissions. In this virtual seminar, nine distinguished speakers will break down the 2800-page Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and its provisions related to grid infrastructure and resilience, mining, permitting improvements, carbon capture and sequestration, conventional and renewable energy sources, and water infrastructure. This seminar will provide energy and natural resources lawyers and other professionals with the larger policy considerations surrounding these legislative changes, describe their practical implications, and identify potential permitting and funding opportunities for energy development.

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## Grid Infrastructure Resilience and Reliability (1 hour)

- Overview of the electric grid and the concepts of reliability, modernization and resiliency
- Growing challenges to building new electric transmission and financing reliable firm electricity supply chains
- Grants, loans, studies and other programs to address grid infrastructure resilience and reliability
- Programs, studies, grants and technical assistance to address cybersecurity threats to the grid
- Federal siting backstop for building new electric transmission in National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

JAMES W. COLEMAN, Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

JUDITH M. MATLOCK, Partner, Davis Graham & Stubbs, Denver, CO

## Mining Issues (30 minutes)

- Streamlining of federal permitting processes for critical minerals
- Use of current and former mine land for clean energy projects
- Appropriations and requirements for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund
- Revegetation of reclaimed mine sites

HEATH L. WADDINGHAM, Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Salt Lake City, UT

## Improvements to Federal Permitting (30 minutes)

- Amendments to the 2015 FAST Act to improve federal project permitting and environmental reviews
- Process changes for permitting of projects covered by the FAST Act
- Eligibility of certain Tribal projects for FAST Act permitting procedures
- Provisions of Infrastructure Bill addressing permitting of non-FAST Act projects

KATHLEEN C. SCHRODER, Partner, Davis Graham & Stubbs, Denver, CO

## Carbon Capture and Sequestration (30 minutes)

- Programs to finance or promote carbon dioxide transportation infrastructure, large-scale sequestration projects, and direct air capture projects
- Permitting of Class VI wells
- Amendments to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to promote carbon sequestration

SHANNON ANGIELSKI, Principal, Van Ness Feldman LLP, Washington, DC

## Energy Sources and Production (30 minutes)

- Programs to plug orphaned oil and gas wells and remediate and restore well sites
- Background on potential role of hydrogen in the energy sector
- Grants, loans and other support for hydrogen infrastructure and research and development, and a standard for “clean hydrogen”
- Promotion of micro and small modular nuclear reactors
- Production and efficiency improvement incentives for hydropower, and support for pumped hydro storage and renewables integration
- Incentives for alternative fuel vehicle refueling and recharging infrastructure

JAMES CURRY, Managing Shareholder, Babst Calland, Washington, DC

SEAN MCGOVERN, Shareholder, Babst Calland, Pittsburgh, PA

## Title IX: Western Water Infrastructure (30 minutes)

- Water storage, groundwater storage and conveyance
- Aging dam infrastructure and status of rural water projects
- Water recycling and reuse
- Strains on the Colorado River System
- Drought contingency plans and Watershed health
- Eligibility for funding, and how bill addresses each topic

WARIGIA BOWMAN, Associate Professor of Law, The University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, OK

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