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Practice Areas

*Climate Change, Clean Technology, &
Renewable Energy*

*Environment, Natural Resources, &
Public Lands*

Government Relations & Public Policy

Education

*J.D., George Washington University
National Law Center, 1972*

B.A., Harvard College, 1969

Bar and Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Ben Yamagata

Member

Ben Yamagata's practice encompasses federal and state legislative and administrative issues in the areas of energy, environment, natural resources, international trade (technology transfer and independent power project development), and transportation-related matters.

Mr. Yamagata represents clients before the Departments of Energy, Commerce, Transportation, Defense and State, as well as the Office of Management and Budget and the Environmental Protection Agency, on both project-specific and programmatic issues that relate particularly to technology research, development, demonstration, and deployment relating to the use of coal and other fossil and renewable energy resources. Mr. Yamagata has advised clients on energy and environmental technology projects as well as provided counsel and representation in the structuring and advocacy for government programs such as the Department of Energy's clean coal technology development and demonstration programs and financial incentive programs (*e.g.*, loan guarantees and clean coal tax credits) that were authorized as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Mr. Yamagata serves as the Executive Director of the Coal Utilization Research Council (CURC), a coalition of industry and educational institutions with an interest in promoting clean coal technology.

Government Service

U.S. Senate

- Counsel/Staff Director, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 1975-1977
- Legislative Counsel, Senator Frank Church (D-ID), 1974-1975
- Professional Staff Member, Special Committee on Aging, 1972-1974