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**PRACTICES**

Air

Climate Change

Government Advocacy & Public

Policy

Litigation & Investigations

Renewable Energy

**EDUCATION**

Temple University Law School

Princeton University School of

Public and International Affairs

Haverford College

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia Bar

New Jersey State Bar

U.S. District Court for the Middle

District of Louisiana

## KYLE W. DANISH

### CO-CHAIR, PARTNER



### Professional Background

Kyle Danish is a globally recognized legal and policy expert on energy projects; climate change policy, carbon markets and green finance; government relations; and environmental regulation. He has over two decades of experience assisting clients in navigating complex issues at the intersection of business and government policy.

Kyle has been ranked as a leading practitioner by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *the International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers*, *Lawdragon*, and *Best Lawyers in America*. *Chambers Global* has rated Kyle among the top 10 climate change lawyers worldwide.

Kyle regularly publishes articles and white papers on legal and policy issues, including recent publications on [oil and gas sector methane policies](#); reforming Nuclear Regulatory Commission policies for licensing [advanced nuclear reactors](#), possible future policies for [exports of Liquefied Natural Gas](#), and options for designing tax credits for [carbon removal projects](#).

He is a Senior Associate (Non-Resident) in the [Center for Strategic and International Studies' Energy and National Security Program](#). He is also on the Editorial Board of the [Carbon & Climate Law Review](#).

Kyle is a Member of the Board of the [Montgomery County Green Bank](#), which partners with the private sector to finance clean energy, energy efficiency, and resilience projects.

Kyle serves as a member of Van Ness Feldman's Executive Committee.

### Representative Experience

- Advising multiple clients on differentiated gas and federal methane policies for the oil and gas sector, including Environmental Protection Agency's methane regulations.
- Advising an electric power company on the Environmental Protection Agency's development of greenhouse gas performance standards for fossil fuel-fired power plants.
- Advising an energy company on permitting reform legislation.
- Advising an energy company on opportunities to generate RINs and e-RINs under the Renewable Fuel Standard.
- Commissioned by two think tanks to develop policy and legislative concepts for reform of Nuclear Regulatory Commission policies for licensing advanced nuclear reactors.
- Advising the [Clean Hydrogen Future Coalition](#) on implications of Environmental Protection Agency regulations for clean hydrogen projects.
- Providing counsel on policy, permitting, carbon credits, and siting issues to a developer of carbon dioxide removal projects.
- Advising multiple clients on federal funding opportunities, including from tax credits, grants, and government procurement.
- Acting as Special Carbon Counsel for an investment bank that has developed a carbon fund that finances afforestation projects throughout South America to generate voluntary carbon credits.

## Government Service

### Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources

Special Assistant to the Secretary, 1990-1992

## Awards and Honors

### *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*

Environmental Law, since 2010

### "Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*

Environmental Law, since 2011

Litigation-Environmental, since 2011

### Legal 500

Environment - Transaction and Regulatory, since 2014

### Chambers USA

Climate Change, since 2008

Environment (Washington, DC), since 2011

### Chambers Global

Climate Change, since 2008

### Lawdragon – The Green 500

2024 - 2025

### Super Lawyers

Since 2010

### Who's Who Legal, Climate Change

Leading Individual, since 2017

### Who's Who Legal, Environment

Leading Individual, since 2020

## Articles and Presentations

- Aligning Finance & Policy to Advance Climate Solutions, US Climate Action Summit, Washington D.C., 04/25/2025
- Will Trump Mend or End Federal Methane Rules?, 01/27/2025
- Federal Environmental Policies Affecting Gas Transmission & Storage - Energy Bar Association Webinar on Natural Gas Pipeline & Modernization, Energy Bar Association, 03/12/2024
- Federal Methane Policies: Legal Issues - Environmental Law Institute Global Methane Regulation Webinar, 01/31/2024
- Understanding the SEC Climate Disclosures Proposal , REAL Professionals Network, 04/13/2022
- [Federal Methane Policies - Presentation to 4th Annual ONE Future Methane and Climate Strategies Workshop](#), Houston TX, 11/11/2021

## Alerts

- CARB Postpones Rulemaking on California's Climate Disclosure Laws, Heightening Compliance Uncertainty for Large Companies , 10/24/2025
- NRC Proposes \$9,000 Penalty for Violations Associated with the Safe Use and Control of NRC-

Regulated Material , 08/21/2025

- Trump Administration Proposes to Repeal 2009 Endangerment Finding, 08/01/2025
- EPA Proposes Repeal of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Update to Toxic Emission Standards for Power Plants, 06/16/2025
- White House Publishes Executive Orders Aimed at Accelerating Nuclear Energy, 05/30/2025
- Congress Passes ADVANCE Act to Accelerate Deployment of Advanced Nuclear Reactors, 06/24/2024
- Treasury Proposes Clean Electricity Tax Guidance, 05/31/2024
- EPA Finalizes Major Power Plant Rules, 04/26/2024
- SEC Issues Climate Disclosure Rules, 03/11/2024
- Department of Energy Freezes Review of Applications to Export Liquefied Natural Gas, 01/26/2024
- EPA Proposes Rules to Implement IRA Methane Fee Provisions, 01/23/2024
- EPA Finalizes Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Sector, 12/06/2023
- Taking Stock of a Big Month for Methane Policy, 11/20/2023
- EPA Releases Landmark Greenhouse Gas Standards for Power Plants, 05/12/2023
- EPA Proposes Updated RFS Volume Requirements and a New RFS Credit Market for Electric Vehicles, 12/06/2022
- EPA Proposes More Stringent Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Facilities, 11/15/2022
- Supreme Court Limits EPA's Authority to Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 06/30/2022
- SEC Unveils Landmark Climate Disclosures Proposal, 03/22/2022
- EPA Proposes New Methane Regulations for Oil and Gas Facilities, 11/03/2021
- House Democrats Introduce Revised CLEAN Future Act, Readying Chamber for Action on Climate Change and Infrastructure, 03/05/2021
- Climate Change Policy Update: President Issues Executive Order Directing Whole-of-Government Response to Climate Crisis , 02/22/2021