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Practice Areas

Energy, Environment &
Natural Resources
Green Law & Sustainability
Water Law

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1992

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,
Louisiana State University,
J.D., 1991; Chancellor's List;
Louisiana Law Review; Paul
M. Hebert Academic
Scholarship; American
Jurisprudence Awards

Louisiana State University,
B.S. in Petroleum Land
Management, 1987;
President, Alpha Lambda
Delta Honor Society;
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor
Society; Mortar Board Honor
Society



Marjorie McKeithen is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Transactions Group and co-chairs the firm's Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Industry Team. She affiliated with the firm after serving as Secretary of the Louisiana Mineral and Energy Board and Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mineral Resources, where she oversaw the granting and administering of mineral leases, storage agreements and alternative energy agreements on state-owned lands and water bottoms. While serving as Secretary of the Louisiana Mineral and Energy Board, Ms. McKeithen undertook a comprehensive revision of Louisiana's statutory scheme relating to leases for natural gas storage and carbon dioxide storage.

In addition to her traditional oil and gas practice, Ms. McKeithen currently serves as counsel to a number of pipeline companies and gas storage facilities, including both salt dome and depleted reservoir storage facilities. She also serves as counsel for a number of renewable energy companies.

After clerking with the Honorable Frank J. Polozola in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, Ms. McKeithen was in the private practice of law from 1992–2006 with a concentration in civil litigation, including environmental and toxic tort litigation. Previously, she served as campaign manager to her father, W. Fox McKeithen, during his initial campaign for the office of Louisiana Secretary of State.

Ms. McKeithen received her juris doctor degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, in 1991, and her Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Land Management from Louisiana State University in 1987. She is currently an appointed Member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and serves on the Board of the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association. She has also been an active participant in Women of the Storm's grassroots

volunteer efforts to return funds to the Gulf states for coastal restoration efforts.

Noteworthy

- *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law Award (2010)
 - *New Orleans CityBusiness* Top 50 Women of the Year Award (2010)
 - Honored by the Louisiana State Mineral Board for her service to the State of Louisiana (2009)
 - Recipient of Petroleum Landmen's Association of New Orleans' Betty Barone Award for outstanding public service (2008)
 - Recipient of Louisiana State Bar Association's Crystal Gavel Award (2002)
 - Recipient of Baton Rouge Bar Association's Outstanding Community Leadership Award (2001)
 - Named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* "Top Forty Under 40" (1999)
 - Recipient of Southern University's Women's Studies Program Award, recognizing outstanding female leaders (1998)
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Presentations

- "Basic Legal Issues Regarding Salt Dome and Depleted Reservoir Underground Storage of Natural Gas"
The Nature Conservancy 2011 Legal Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 10, 2011
- "Beyond the Moratorium: Changes in OCS Regulation"
58th Mineral Law Institute, March 25, 2011
- "Greenhouse Gas Law: Regulation & Solar, Geothermal, and Energy Districts"
Green Legal Matters Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 14, 2010
- "Status of the Federal Drilling Moratorium Litigation"
Petroleum Club of Houston, Houston, Texas, September 2, 2010
- "Current Status of Federal Moratorium Litigation and Shallow Water Permits"
2010 Louisiana Oil and Gas Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 23, 2010

- "How Will Cap & Trade and Green Legislation Affect My Plant?"
New Solutions to Industry's Greatest Challenges Conference &
Exposition Program, Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance, Baton
Rouge, Louisiana, January 27, 2010
- "Haynesville" Public Screening Discussion Panel
Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 26, 2009
- "Post-Production Environmental Issues: Louisiana Legacy Litigation and
the Texas Approach"
8th Annual Energy Litigation Conference, Houston, Texas, October 23,
2009
- National Women's Leadership Summit
New Orleans, Louisiana, September 24, 2009
- "Recent Louisiana Energy Legislation"
South Coast Solar Seminar, August 13, 2009
- "Growing the Green Economy in Louisiana"
Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 7, 2009
- "The Carbon Capture Continuum—From Study and Production to
Capture and Consumption"
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 23, 2009

Memberships

- Governor Bobby Jindal's Transition Advisory Council (Member, 2007)
- Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (Member, 2007 to date;
Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee, 2010 to date)
- Lighthouse for the Blind New Orleans (Member, Board of Directors,
2010 to date)
- Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry (Board Member,
1999–2004)
- Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (Member, 2009 to date)
- Louisiana Mineral Board (Chairman, Legal and Title Controversy
Committee, 2004–2006; Vice-Chairman, 2004–2006)
- Louisiana Nature Conservancy (Board Member, 2010 to date)
- New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (Board of
Commissioners, 2010 to date)
- Professional Landmen's Association of New Orleans (PLANO)
- Save America's Coast Political Action Committee (Member, 2006)

- Women's Energy Network (Member, 2009 to date)

