

## Elizabeth Johnson Klein

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### Work Experience

**State Energy & Environmental Impact Center, NYU School of Law, Washington, DC**

Deputy Director, August 2017-present

- Launched new center to support state attorneys general defending and promoting clean energy, climate, and environmental laws and policies.
- Supervise the center's legal and communications staff and coordinate a legal fellowship program, which includes a team of attorneys hired in attorney general offices across the country to work on environmental matters.
- Serve as outside counsel to several state attorneys general, providing legal and strategic advice on high profile environmental issues.
- Oversee the center's communications efforts to amplify the work of state attorneys general and serve as one of two primary spokespeople for the center with the media and at conferences and seminars.

**U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC**

**Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Management & Budget, October 2016-January 2017, and Associate Deputy Secretary, March 2012-January 2017; Counselor to the Deputy Secretary, August 2010-March 2012**

- Oversaw Department's Policy, Management & Budget operation and served as the agency's Chief Financial Officer, Chief Acquisition Officer, and Chief Performance Officer.
- Advised Deputy Secretary and Secretary on implementation of priority Departmental policies.
- Provided executive direction and oversight and ensured coordination among Department's senior leadership on key policy initiatives, with a particular emphasis on facilitating renewable energy development, ensuring responsible conventional energy development, implementing Indian affairs priorities, and supporting climate change adaptation efforts.
- Developed and led cross-bureau strike teams on renewable energy, infrastructure permitting, and climate change adaptation and served as primary contact on related intergovernmental committees.
- Served as senior liaison with the Office of Management and Budget on all priority regulatory matters.

**Latham & Watkins LLP, Washington, DC**

**Associate, October 2006-August 2010; Summer Associate, May 2005-August 2005**

- Advise clients in litigation and regulatory matters, including federal land management, National Environmental Policy Act compliance, renewable energy development, and Superfund issues.
- Served on firm's pro bono committee, overseeing all pro bono matters in the Washington, D.C. office.

**Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Washington, DC**

**Law Clerk, Environmental Enforcement Section, September 2004-November 2004; Summer Law Clerk, General Litigation Section, May 2004-July 2004**

- Researched legal issues regarding enforcement actions and to support litigation efforts of federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management.
- Prepared legal memoranda, complaints, and briefs for staff attorneys.

**National Park Foundation**, Washington, DC

**Director, Communications & Government Relations**, January 2001-July 2003

- Developed government relations strategy and managed all congressional communications.
- Managed public relations activities for corporate stewardship program.
- Served as project manager for strategic planning process.

**Department of the Interior**, Washington, DC

**Special Assistant to the Secretary**, May 1999-January 2001

- Scheduled, coordinated logistics, and provided briefing materials for the Secretary's meetings in D.C.
- Assisted in editing and preparing writing projects, including speeches, articles, and correspondence.

**Johnson Smith Pence Wright & Heath LLP**, Washington, DC

**Policy Analyst**, August 1998-May 1999

- Identified potential clients and developed government relations strategies.
- Monitored federal and state legislation affecting current and potential clients.

**Democratic Governors' Association**, Washington, DC

**Compliance Director**, January 1997-August 1998

- Determined contribution priorities, administered funds, and ensured compliance with campaign finance laws.
- Organized and staffed fundraisers, conferences, and briefings.

### Education

**American University, Washington College of Law**, Washington, DC; Juris Doctor, May 2006

Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, *Sustainable Development Law & Policy Journal* Staff Member and Senior Articles Editor, Environmental Law Society President, Women's Law Association Secretary

**The George Washington University**, Washington, DC; Bachelor of Arts Economics, May 1997

Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, University Honors Scholar, Women's Studies Minor