

CATSKILL MOUNTAINKEEPER

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director



As the organization's Founder and Executive Director, Ramsay provides overall leadership for all aspects of Mountainkeeper's work, helping guide and inspire our team, shape our programs, and cultivate essential strategic relationships with key outside friends and partners. Ramsay also serves as volunteer Executive Director of Water Defense, a project of Mountainkeeper, and sits on the Advisory Board of Hudson Riverkeeper. Ramsay is a founding partner in the Catskill Brewery—which produces craft beer in a newly constructed state-of-the-art green building that is slated to receive the US Green Building Council's LEED Platinum Certification—and also a film and television music supervisor, author, and educator. Prior to founding Mountainkeeper, Ramsay created and taught the "Music Supervision" course at New York University's Center for Advanced Digital Applications and was Executive Producer of the online environmental video website *Environmental Countdown*. He is the co-author of the book "Music Supervision: The Complete Guide to Selecting Music for Movies, TV, Games, and New Media" (Schirmer), which is currently being revised for re-release. Ramsay served as the Music Director for a cable news channel for over 4 years, and was the film music supervisor of many award-winning films including "Jihad for Love", "The Break Up Artist", and "Heights." Ramsay holds a BA in History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jeanette Bayoumi biograhpy

Jeanette Bayoumi is an associate at Hausfeld's New York office. Jeanette's work spans a wide array of practice areas, including Hausfeld's Environmental practice area. Jeanette is a member of the *Suffolk County Water Authority v. The Dow Chemical Company et al.*, 17-6980 (E.D.N.Y.) and *Suffolk County Water Authority v. The 3M Company et al.*, 17-6982 (E.D.N.Y.) case teams. Filed against the manufacturers of chemicals that have been detected in the Authority's public supply wells, these water contamination cases allege that the defendants knew or should have known of the environmental risks of their products and should bear responsibility for the costs of treating the water and protecting the public from harm. Jeanette attended law school at the Washington College of Law at American University, and she graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a B.A. in International Politics.

Thomas Berkman is Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). As General Counsel, Mr. Berkman oversees more than 80 environmental attorneys. Mr. Berkman joined the DEC in 2011, and has focused on the Clean Water Act and New York's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) program; the Clean Air Act, Solid Waste, State land issues (including acquisition and management); wetland regulations; Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA) and stream disturbance issues (including storm response procedures); protection of Natural Resources; endangered species; Brownfields; Superfund sites; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); law enforcement; and, energy issues.

Prior to his appointment at DEC, Mr. Berkman spent three years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the New York Attorney General's Office and has worked for National law firms in New York City and Washington D.C.. Mr. Berkman also served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York City, Queens County.

Mr. Berkman is an alumnus of Tufts University and Boston College Law School.

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Gary S. Bowitch
Environmental Attorney

Gary S. Bowitch is a founding member of Bowitch & Coffey, LLC and has practiced environmental law for 30 years. He represents private, not-for-profit and municipal clients on an array state and federal environmental issues including contamination of water supplies, brownfield redevelopment, regulatory compliance, the State Environmental Quality Review Act, mining, air pollution, land use and wetland regulation. He has advised several New York Counties on numerous environmental issue including the redevelopment of contaminated, tax delinquent properties. He has extensive experience addressing legal and technical issues relating to contamination causes by releases of petroleum, dry cleaner solvents, PFAS compounds and other “emerging contaminants.” Mr. Bowitch is also a trained environmental mediator and has successfully mediated complex, multi-party environmental litigation cases.

Prior to entering private practice in 1998, Mr. Bowitch was an Assistant Attorney General and chief of the Attorney General’s Oil Spill Litigation Unit and Senior Attorney for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Bowitch received his B.S. Degree in Chemistry from Union College and his Juris Doctor from Albany Law School. He is a member of the New York Bar Association's Environmental and Energy Law Section and is co-chair of their Petroleum Spills Committee.

Timothy Cox

Timothy Cox is corporate counsel at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in Margaretville, New York. CWC was created in the landmark 1997 New York City Watershed Agreement. Working closely with 41 member watershed towns and other stakeholders, CWC administers various environmental benefit and economic development programs within the New York City Watershed in the Catskills. Timothy earned his J.D. and environmental law certificate from Pace Law School in 1995 and his B.A. from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1991. He is admitted to practice law in New York and Connecticut. First elected in 2005, Timothy is also a town justice in the Town of Olive, where he resides with his wife and two children.

Daniel E. Estrin, Esq.
General Counsel & Advocacy Director
Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc.

Daniel joined Waterkeeper Alliance in 2016, and previously represented Waterkeeper as outside litigation counsel for over fifteen years. Prior to coming in-house at Waterkeeper, Daniel spent a decade as a clinical law professor and Managing Attorney at Pace Law School's Environmental Litigation Clinic representing Waterkeeper, Riverkeeper, and many other NGOs. Before that, Daniel served for five years as Special Counsel at a small public interest law firm where he represented environmental NGOs in citizen suits and rule challenges. Daniel began his practice in 1993 at Chadbourne & Parke LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright) in New York City, where he practiced for eight years in the litigation/arbitration and insurance/reinsurance departments concentrating on environmental insurance coverage disputes.

Daniel is admitted to practice in New York State, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York.

Daniel resides in Fairfield County, Connecticut, less than a mile from Long Island Sound. In his spare time, he enjoys live music, hiking, swimming, paddling, cooking, and traveling.

SHELLY JOHNSON-BENNETT

Current Title – Director, Delaware County Planning

Education –State University of New York at Buffalo, 1995, BA - Public Administration and Community Planning and Design

Shelly was appointed Director of the Delaware County Planning Department in 2016. Prior to being appointed Director she served as both Senior Planner and then Chief Planner beginning in 1999. She began her career at McFarland-Johnson Engineers in Binghamton NY in 1996, bringing to Delaware County a strong foundation in environmental planning and community assessment associated with municipal projects including transportation, sewer, stormwater and water projects.

Shelly has been responsible for assisting local towns and villages with various aspects of local plan development, project reviews, and compliance with city, state and federal regulations. In her capacity as Director Shelly oversees the Town Planning Advisory Service (TPAS), a contractually based program to provide local municipalities with guidance on issues that impact their long term goals and sustainability. Through the TPAS program Shelly provides training and expertise to assist in local decision making, including the importance of compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Shelly has worked with the Delaware County Stream Corridor Management Program in Delaware County for the past fifteen years. She assisted in the development of both Stream Corridor Management plans in the County and has successfully integrated stream management into the local planning process in each of the 17 watershed towns. As part of her daily work she is responsible for evaluating the impacts and influences on Delaware County and its communities from internal and external stresses. This includes the dynamics of changing demographics, needs evaluations for public services and the potential solutions to issues that impact the long term sustainability of Delaware County communities.

Shelly's work with the New York City watershed and the local partners in Delaware County has resulted in the development of several innovative programs including mitigation strategies to address resiliency in communities that have been impacted by catastrophic flooding. Most recently she has been part of the team that developed the Local Flood Analysis programs and the mitigation strategies including the New York City funded flood buyout program.

Zackary Knaub is First Assistant Counsel to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. In this role, he manages a group of fifteen attorneys overseeing legal affairs and legislative, and policy initiatives for over 100 executive agencies, public authorities, and public benefit corporations, and manages the State's significant affirmative and defensive litigation. Previously, Mr. Knaub served in Governor Cuomo's administration as Assistant Counsel to the Governor for Energy and the Environment, overseeing a legal affairs portfolio that included the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Public Service Commission/Department of Public Service, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the New York Power Authority. Before joining the Executive Chamber, Mr. Knaub served as the Regional Attorney for the Department of Environmental Conservation's Region 3, managing the Department's legal affairs for the lower Hudson River Valley. Prior to his state service, he was a partner in the Shlansky Law Group, a boutique commercial and environmental litigation law firm, and an associate in the New York City office of Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. He began his legal career as a pro se and motions law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He graduated cum laude from Cardozo Law School, and holds a M.A. from Columbia University, and a B.A. with honors from the University of Iowa.

Daniel M. Krainin Biography

Daniel M. Krainin is a Principal in the New York office of Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. with more than 20 years of experience focused on environmental and toxic tort litigation. He is a past Chair of the ABA Environment Section's Environmental Litigation and Toxic Torts Committee, currently co-chairs the New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Toxic Torts Committee, and has been named to the Super Lawyers list for the New York Metropolitan area each year since 2011. Before joining Beveridge & Diamond, Dan served as law clerk to Hon. Carlos R. Moreno, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California. Dan received a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he won the school's 68th annual Moot Court Competition, and a B.A. with high honors from Wesleyan University.

Mark Maddaloni

Mark has 35 years of professional work experience in the areas of environmental health, toxicology, and human health risk assessment. Prior to joining Cardno, he served as a senior toxicologist and the Regional Risk Assessment Coordinator in the Office of the Regional Administrator for EPA – Region 2. He has served on numerous EPA National Workgroups including: metals, asbestos, chemical mixtures, PCBs, perfluoroalkyl substances, and bioavailability. EPA recognized Mark as a national expert in lead (Pb) risk assessment. Mark has served on a CDC Pb Poison Prevention Advisory Committee and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Science Advisory Board. He is presently the longest serving member (appointed in 2000) of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Institutional Review Board (IRB). Mark received his DrPH in environmental health sciences from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health - thesis title: Measurement of Soil-borne Lead bioavailability in Adult Human Subjects and its Application in Biokinetic Modeling. He received an MS in Toxicology from St. John's University and a BS in Pharmacy from Long Island University. Mark is a Diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology and a member of the Society of Toxicology.

Hilary Meltzer has been Deputy Chief of the Environmental Law Division of the New York City Law Department since 2010, and has been a member of that Division since 1992. She practices environmental and municipal law, focusing primarily on issues relating to New York City's drinking water supply and stormwater management systems.

She has participated in the negotiations of the five Filtration Avoidance Determinations granted since 1997 for the City's Catskill and Delaware Water Supply Systems – which together supply approximately 1.1 billion gallons a day of high quality, affordable drinking water to over nine million people. She also remains involved in implementing the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, a landmark agreement among the City, New York State, the U.S. EPA, the communities in the watershed, and several environmental advocacy organizations to protect water quality as well as the economic vitality of the upstate communities.

Hilary received a JD from Yale Law School and a bachelor's degree with distinction in mathematics from Swarthmore College. She serves as co-chairs for the Legal Affairs Committee of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and is an adjunct professor at New York University Law School where she teaches a course on representing the City.

James A. Pardo Biography

James (Jim) Pardo is a partner in the New York office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. An accomplished trial and appellate lawyer, for almost 25 years Jim has represented many of the country's largest companies in complex commercial, mass tort, environmental and product liability matters, with a particular focus on the oil & gas and energy industries. In addition to representing Exxon Mobil Corporation, Jim serves as national coordinating counsel to the petroleum industry, and as defense liaison counsel to the court, in the In re: Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Product Liability multi-district litigation, one of the largest and most complex mass tort product liability dockets in the country. He also serves as Deputy General Counsel to McDermott Will & Emery, LLP.

SARA E. PAYNE



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Areas of Practice

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- ▶ Health Care & Human Services
- ▶ Cannabis

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Education

Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, M.P.A.

LeMoyne College, M.B.A.

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, B.S.

Sara Payne, cannabis team leader and counsel at Barclay Damon LLP, has done substantial work in medical cannabis and represents one of the original five registered organizations authorized to produce and distribute in New York State.

Sara has represented her client before numerous state agencies that include the Department of Health and the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, and has assisted the company with all aspects of its operations, including navigating the registration process; complying with complex marijuana regulations; advising on entity formation, capitalization, and other start-up needs; assisting with government relations; coordinating interactions among stakeholders; and advising on banking, insurance, intellectual property, leasing, taxation, and contracts and vendor issues, among others.

She also serves on the New York State Bar Association Committee on Cannabis Law and is a contributing editor for *Cannabis Law Digest*. She is a sought-after speaker, recently presenting her NYSBA CLE "Legislative Developments in Medical Marijuana and Industrial Hemp in New York," and has been interviewed on cannabis-related issues by media including *The Capital Pressroom*, *New York Law Journal*, *Rochester Business Journal*, and the Onondaga County Bar Association *Bar Reporter*.

Admitted to Practice

- ▶ New York
- ▶ Massachusetts

Publications/Speaking

- ▶ *Cannabis Law Digest*, Contributing Editor
- ▶ New York State Bar Association CLE, "Medical Marijuana and Adult Use in New York: Patient, Provider and Registered Organizations Perspectives," August 2018
- ▶ Onondaga County Bar Association *Bar Reporter*, "Spark It Up! Business Burns Bright at Barclay Damon," July/August 2018
- ▶ *The Capital Pressroom*, "Sara Payne and Lee Williams on Medical Marijuana," July 2018
- ▶ *New York Law Journal*, "As NY Health Dept. Backs Marijuana Legalization, Attorneys Eye a New Practice Area," July 2018

- ▶ *New York State Bar Association Journal*, "Medical Marijuana in New York: Where We've Been and Where We're Going," July 2018
- ▶ *New York State Bar Association Journal*, "Medical Marijuana: A Current Look at Cannabis Law in the Workplace," July 2018
- ▶ *Rochester Business Journal BizCast*, "Sara Payne and Cannabis Law," July 2018
- ▶ *Rochester Business Journal*, "Barclay Damon Starts Cannabis Team," July 2018
- ▶ New York State Bar Association CLE, "Legislative Developments in Medical Marijuana and Industrial Hemp in New York," May 2018

Professional Affiliations

- ▶ New York State Bar Association Committee on Cannabis Law
- ▶ New York State Bar Association
- ▶ Onondaga County Bar Association

Prior Experience

- ▶ Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C., Associate

Telisport W. Putsavage

Telisport W. Putsavage has more than 30 years of experience in environmental law and regulation, with a major focus on pesticides. He has held significant public and private sector environmental positions. He served as an Assistant Counsel of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Maryland Department of the Environment. In the private sphere, Mr. Putsavage was a partner at Keller & Heckman and Carter, Ledyard and Milburn, and Of Counsel to Sullivan & Worcester, in their respective Washington, D.C. Offices.

Through his law firm Putsavage PLLC Mr. Putsavage counsels pesticide producers, distributors, retailers and trade associations on federal and state pesticide regulatory and business matters, including product registration and cancellation, federal and state enforcement defense, and scientific data compensation arbitrations. His broader environmental practice has included product due diligence reviews and regulatory audits, as well as issues arising under California's Proposition 65. He has lectured widely on pesticide regulatory issues. Mr. Putsavage is also a principal in EnviroReg LLC, a scientific consulting firm focused on pesticide and other chemical regulatory issues.

Mr. Putsavage is a Member of the New York State Bar Association Environment & Energy Section Executive Committee and Co-Chair of Section's Pesticides Committee; the New York State Bar Association Committee on Cannabis Law; and a member of the Pesticides, Toxics and Right to Know Committee of the American Bar Association's Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section.

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Daniel A. Ruzow
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DANIEL A. RUZOW, ESQ., is a partner and General Counsel of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, Albany's largest law firm. He concentrates his practice in the environmental, zoning and planning review and permitting of major controversial and complex commercial, industrial and residential developments and in litigation defending such approvals. He also has represented number of environmental and community organizations, municipalities and State agencies in the review of such projects or in related litigation.

Mr. Ruzow helped guide the formation of and was the lead counsel for the Coalition of Watershed Towns from 1991-1999, an intermunicipal organization of 34 towns, nine villages and 5 counties comprising the majority of the Catskill and Delaware Watershed for the New York City water supply. He has been recognized by the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association for his work in successfully negotiating the landmark New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement signed in January 1997. Since 1998, Mr. Ruzow and his firm have served as special counsel to the Catskill Watershed Corporation which was formed as a result of the Memorandum of Agreement. In 2010-2011, on behalf of the Catskill Watershed Corporation, he participated in the successful multi-party resolution of New York City's renewal of its NYSDEC water supply permit to acquire additional land in the Catskill and Delaware Watersheds and more recently, in 2016-18, participated in the successful multi-party negotiations over the renewal of NYC's Filtration Avoidance Determination. In 2007, he successfully negotiated a multi-party Agreement in Principle with the New York State, the City of New York and seven national and regional environmental groups on behalf of Crossroads Ventures LLC, the developer of the proposed Belleayre Resort, in the Central Catskills. Mr. Ruzow's firm successfully defended the environmental studies and permit applications prepared in support of the Belleayre Resort and permits issued by NYSDEC and Town of Shandaken in litigation through to the NY Court of Appeals.

Mr. Ruzow is recognized nationally for his knowledge and experience with New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and is co-author of the leading treatise on SEQRA, *Environmental Impact Review in New York*, published by Matthew Bender (1990-2017). He is a past-Chair of the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. He also served as Chair of the New York State Bar Association Administrative Law Committee from 1992-95. Mr. Ruzow previously served as Assistant Commissioner and Counsel for Hearings of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and also served as SEQRA counsel to the Department. He has authored several law review and journal articles on SEQRA and since 1981 has been a frequent lecturer on SEQRA and local land use laws for the New York State Bar Association and the New York Planning Federation where he served as a Board member from 1999-2009. He has also been recognized for his environmental experience in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* (2005-18) and Britain's Chambers & Partners, *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2005-18) and *Best Lawyers in America* (2005-2018).

Mr. Ruzow obtained his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College and law degree from Fordham Law School.

Christopher Saporita
Assistant Regional Counsel
United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2

Chris Saporita has been an Assistant Regional Counsel in the Office of Regional Counsel at EPA – Region 2 since 2007, where his practice focuses on counseling and representing agency scientists and policymakers on rulemaking, permitting, and enforcement matters under the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Clean Air Act. He has also co-written and co-presented a regular “EPA Update” article and talk for the New York State Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section.

Chris graduated with honors from Stony Brook University, where he majored in philosophy and psychology, and graduated cum laude from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University – Bloomington. In 2007, he created the New York City Environmental Law Leadership Institute (NYCELLI), an annual seminar for new environmental attorneys committed to leadership in the field and to making a positive contribution to the New York City environment. Before coming to the EPA, Chris worked with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest to promote greater equity in New York City’s management of solid waste, and as a Senior Court Attorney for the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, where he advised the court on all manner of appeals, with an emphasis on environmental and land use cases.

Judith S. Schreiber, Ph.D.
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Dr. Judith Schreiber earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, followed by a Master of Science degree in Chemistry, and her Doctoral degree in Environmental Health and Toxicology. She worked for 20 years in the New York State Department of Health in the evaluation of water, air and waste sites; the development of risk assessment practices; and the evaluation chemical exposures. While at the Health Department, she conducted scientific research and investigations, conducted and critiqued risk assessments, and developed policies protective of public health.

Dr. Schreiber joined the New York State Office of the Attorney General in 2000 where she evaluated environmental and public health risks of importance to the State of New York. Working in concert with office attorneys and policy advisors, she provided testimony and guidance in legal cases.

Her career has been dedicated to assessing public health impacts of adult as well as fetal and childhood exposures to environmental, chemical and biological substances. Dr. Schreiber retired from public service in 2012. She established and leads Schreiber Scientific, LLC, which provides independent scientific consulting services.

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Jeff Senterman

Jeff joined the Catskill Center in 2015 after working for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference as the program coordinator for the Catskill region and then as their manager of regional trail programs. Jeff has worked as an environmental planner for the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; and Waterman Design Associates. He also worked as a New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation assistant forest ranger in Greene County. Jeff is an avid hiker and outdoorsman who has spent a lot of time hiking and exploring in the Catskills, Adirondacks, and New England and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Hiking Society, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Jeff hosts Catskill Digest weekly on WIOX Community Radio. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lyndon State College in Vermont, with a concentration in environmental science.

Biography of Matthew J. Sinkman

Matthew J. Sinkman is an Assistant Attorney General in the Affirmative Litigation Section of the Environmental Protection Bureau in the New York State Office of the Attorney General (New York City). In that position he litigates Superfund cases, special Attorney General initiatives, and New York State statutory enforcement matters. He previously worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard Owen, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and as an associate at Phillips Nizer LLP and Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP. Matthew received his J.D. from the Boston University School of Law in 2007 and his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 2001.