



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION

The Environmental Law Section Nominating Committee has selected the following individuals to serve on the ELS Council, subject to a vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

Secretary/Treasurer – One-Year Term (2026–2027)

Paul Stewart, Dykema Gossett PLLC

Council – Three-Year Terms (2026–2029)

Matthew Hall, Consumers Energy

Lauren Teichner, Teichner Law PLC

Scott Watson, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

BIOGRAPHIES:

Matt Hall serves as in-house counsel for Consumers Energy where he advises internal clients on environmental, FERC, and condemnation matters. Prior to serving on the legal team, Matt worked in the Consumers Energy environmental department with an emphasis on regulatory and policy matters. Matt is a licensed professional engineer and began his career with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – now EGLE. Matt and his wife reside in Mason where they are slightly overwhelmed with their three children and small hobby farm.

Paul Stewart is a partner at Dykema Gossett PLLC, where he has practiced environmental law for over a decade—with a particular focus on environmental litigation, toxic tort litigation, and Part 201/CERCLA matters. Prior to that, he worked as a consultant to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other government entities, where he provided technical support on cutting edge rulemaking initiatives and regulatory programs. Paul is an avid fisherman and ranks the Porcupine Mountains and Pictured Rocks among his favorite places on earth.

Lauren Teichner is the founder of Teichner Law PLC, a Traverse City-based public interest law firm focused on environmental, land use, municipal, and administrative law. She represents local governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, businesses, and individuals in matters involving environmental protection, land use, renewable energy, and complex civil litigation. Lauren has more than 15 years of legal experience and is active in environmental and clean-energy organizations throughout Michigan, including serving on the Board of the Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities. She graduated from Princeton University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the American University Washington College of Law.

Scott Watson has been practicing law in Michigan for 20 years and joined Barnes & Thornburg in 2023. His practice focuses exclusively on environmental law, primarily environmental litigation, where he represents the regulated community in disputes involving enforcement of federal and state environmental laws, including CERCLA, RCRA, and Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.