



## Cynthia S. Betz

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Hatch-Waxman/ANDA Litigation | Insurance Recovery, Litigation & Counseling | Environment & Energy | Environment & Energy Litigation | Environment & Energy Transactions | Environment & Energy Strategic Counseling | Sports & Entertainment

Cynthia Betz has a varied litigation and counseling practice. She primarily focuses on environmental and insurance coverage matters, but is also a go-to resource for out-of-state firms seeking savvy local counsel for federal and state court cases of all kinds, including Hatch-Waxman, toxic tort, and other types of litigation.

Cynthia assists clients at well-known Superfund sites, including the Berry's Creek Study Area, the Portland Harbor, and the Passaic River sites. She defended clients in several cases during New Jersey's first round of natural resource damages groundwater litigation concerning claims for replacement resource services involving hundreds of acres of land.

Currently defending and counseling clients on a variety of environmental and natural resource damages matters concerning several kinds of environmental contaminants of concern, Cynthia advises clients on structuring creative strategies, crafting settlements and reaching solutions. She regularly works with various technical consultants on such matters as hydrodynamic and groundwater modeling and with economists in connection with valuing alleged natural resource damages.

Cynthia's policyholder insurance coverage experience includes counseling and litigation in state and federal courts and international arbitrations. In addition to assisting clients with the recovery of insurance assets, Cynthia counsels clients on the structuring of their insurance programs and works with them to negotiate the terms of new and renewal policies to ensure they obtain favorable terms that may avoid future pitfalls. Cynthia regularly works with clients to reach a resolution with their carriers outside litigation or before trial where possible.

Cynthia was part of the trial team that helped Wakefern Food Corp. and its members obtain recovery for their Superstorm Sandy losses through a \$15.6 million jury verdict against an insurance consultant that improperly advised on Wakefern's property insurance policy.

Her practical knowledge of New Jersey's courts makes her sought after local counsel for a wide array of matters. Working in tandem with out-of-state lead counsel, she provides support and guidance as needed to successfully navigate the New Jersey federal and state courts.

Cynthia's practice extends to pro bono work, including counseling at the firm's expungement clinics and representing clients in cases involving the Fair Housing Act, contract disputes, and insurance coverage, among other matters.

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### Education

University of Illinois College of Law, JD, *summa cum laude*, 2004

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Tufts University, BA, 1995

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey

Illinois

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## Judicial Clerkships

### **Judicial Law Clerk**

The Hon. Stanley R. Chesler, U.S. District Court, District of NJ, 2004–2005

## Memberships & Certifications

### **American Bar Association**

### **Illinois State Bar Association**

### **National Association of Women Lawyers**

## Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Insurance Law and Litigation–Environmental, New Jersey, 2021–2023

New Jersey Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2009–2014

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## Articles

Expert Insight: A General Overview of Insurance Coverage for NRD Claims, American Bar Association, 8.1.2019

CERCLA Cost Recovery and Contribution and a Primer on Natural Resource Damages Law: Regulation, Litigation, and Basic Economic Principles, American Bar Association, 8.1.2019

The Initial Steps, Third Circuit Appellate Practice Manual, 3rd Edition, PBI Press, 1.12.2017

## Speaking Engagements

Amendments to the Federal Rules and Issues in Cross Border Discovery, McCarter & English CLE Series, 10.15.2015

Hot Buttons in Insurance Law: 2015, 1.16.2015

Duty to Defend: Understanding the Duty & Its Application in New Jersey, 5.19.2014