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## **McNees Attorneys Present, 'The Bay,' at IMLA 2017 Mid-Year Seminar**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – McNees Wallace & Nurick attorneys Scott A. Gould and Adeolu A. Bakare presented *The Bay: Forced MS4 Reductions and Storm Water Utility Trends in 2017* at the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) 2017 Mid-Year Seminar on April 23 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The presentation was moderated by McNees' Chief Business Development & Marketing Officer and a past president of IMLA, Iris Jones.

The presentation covered the increased regulations of stormwater discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), potential impacts of the new administration on stormwater regulation, and compliance and litigation concerns impacting stormwater utilities.

The Chesapeake Bay was used as a case study for the environmental law portion of the presentation as it represents the largest Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) ever, and much of the focus in Pennsylvania is on creating and demonstrating sediment and nutrient reduction from small MS4s.

The seminar also discussed formation of stormwater utilities as a means to fund municipal improvements, including a look at recent legal trends and issues facing municipalities.



Gould is Chair of McNees' Environmental Law and Toxic Tort Group, a position he has held since 1998. He also practices in the Oil and Gas and Food & Beverage Groups where he provides experienced environmental counsel to clients in those industry-based groups.

He counsels business and industrial clients in all aspects of environmental law compliance. The scope of Gould's practice includes compliance counseling, permitting, and compliance auditing under all regulatory programs, including water, waste, air, wetlands and encroachments, storage tanks, surface mining, and oil and gas exploration, production, and transportation.



Bakare practices in McNees' Energy and Environmental Group, where his practice focuses on issues involving electric, natural gas, communication, and water utility services. He represents large industrial and commercial consumers of these services before state and federal administrative agencies. Bakare also counsels several municipalities on energy matters.

For more information about the 2017 IMLA Mid-Year Seminar, visit the events page.

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## **McNees Attorney Debra Furlas Speaks at IMLA WONK Breakfast at 2017 Mid-Year Seminar**



HARRISBURG, Pa. – McNees Wallace & Nurick attorney Debra P. Furlas presented, *Amicus Briefs as a Tool for Appeals of Municipal Law Issues*, on Sunday, April 23 at the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) 2017 Mid-Year Seminar on April 23 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event took place in the Omni-Empire Ballroom.

Furlas, the co-chair of the Appellate & Post Trial practice group at McNees, lead an interactive roundtable discussion on the strategic use of amicus briefs, including such topics as when an amicus brief is appropriate, the proper focus of an amicus brief, and cooperation between parties and amici.

Furlas practices in the area of civil litigation, with a primary focus on commercial litigation and appellate advocacy. She has represented an extensive clientele in appeals in all Pennsylvania appellate courts as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She also has wide experience in post-trial matters at the trial court level. Her commercial litigation experience includes preparation of cases in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy courts. Her practice encompasses a broad range of matters including director and shareholder relationships, commercial instruments, secured transactions, collection issues, and contract disputes.

She has represented clients in a broad range of tort and contract actions, including shareholder and partnership disputes, professional malpractice defense, and defense of lender liability claims. Furlas' practice also includes representation of creditors in bankruptcy litigation. She has represented Adams County for many years in the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates.

### **About the IMLA**

The International Municipal Lawyers Association is a non-profit, professional organization based in Washington D.C., that has been an advocate and valuable legal resource for local government attorneys since 1935. The IMLA offers more than 2,500 members across the United States and Canada continuing legal education courses, research services, membership in substantive law sections, litigation assistance in the form of amicus briefs, a bi-monthly magazine (the Municipal Lawyer), model ordinance services, an electronic bi-weekly newsletter, and substantive CLE accredited teleconferences.



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