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## **McNees' Kathy Pape Delivers Keynote Address at Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania Annual Conference**



HARRISBURG – McNees Wallace & Nurick attorney Kathy Pape was the Keynote Speaker at the 90th Annual Conference of the Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP), Monday, Aug. 7. The conference entitled, “Lean and Mean, Doing More with Less” was hosted at the Ramanda Hotel and Convention Center in State College, Pa.

Pape practices in the Public Finance, Financial Services, Public Sector and Government Relations practice groups at McNees. She provides counsel to state and municipal governments, as well as businesses in public finance, government funding, utility regulation, and partnership structures among state and local governments and business.

Prior to joining McNees, Pape was the Senior Vice President of Regulatory Policy and Business Development for American Water. She was the president of the company's Pennsylvania subsidiary, Derry Township-based Pennsylvania American Water Co., since 2007.

Pape has spoken extensively on American Water's involvement in shale gas development to protect the environment while enhancing the local economy. She designed the strategy in cooperation with shale gas drillers and municipal officials to extend water into rural areas using a combination of public and private funding. She also speaks nationally on issues involving leadership, utility finance, infrastructure and operations. She has testified before state and federal legislative committees on utility finance, tax and infrastructure issues.

### **About Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania**

The Water Works Operators' Association of Pennsylvania was established and organized in 1927 to improve and advance the public water supply industry across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Through numerous programs and committee activities, WWOAP efficiently communicates and disperses technological information to the Commonwealth's entire public water supply industry. Whether municipally-operated or investor-owned, this information can mean a better, safer product for all consumers.

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