

Professional Biography



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As an associate director at the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Edward (Ted) Boling served as the country's top National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) attorney. He currently advises clients on the development of renewable energy, resource development, transportation, and infrastructure, drawing on over 30 years of high-level public service.

Ted served in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), CEQ, and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in both Democratic and Republican administrations. His experience includes deep involvement in federal infrastructure issues, as well as leadership of the first comprehensive revision of CEQ's NEPA regulations in 40 years.

Ted's work at CEQ also included the National Ocean Policy, CEQ's climate change guidance, and the regulatory response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster. He drafted NEPA guidance on mitigation and monitoring, cumulative impacts analysis, and the development categorical exclusions from detailed NEPA documentation. Ted advised on the establishment of numerous national monuments, including the first marine national monuments in the United States and the largest marine protected areas in the world. He also assisted in briefing three U.S. Supreme Court cases.

At DOI, Ted handled matters involving energy development on the outer continental shelf, including offshore wind power development, and the fast track for solar and wind energy projects on public lands. He has provided legal and policy advice on environmental issues concerning the Federal Columbia River Power System and the California Central Valley Project.

At DOJ, in the first 10 years of his career, Ted litigated significant cases involving NEPA, endangered species, marine mammals, wetland protections, and public lands. He was involved in litigation concerning the Northwest Forest Plan, National Forest management decisions, and Federal Transit Administration decisions in New England.



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- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America: Environmental Law, 2023*

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Transportation Research Board, Standing Committee on Environmental Issues in Transportation Law (AJL50), Member, 2022 – present

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

- Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President Associate Director for the National Environmental Policy Act, 2016 – 2020
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife, 2013 – 2016
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Deputy Solicitor for Land Resources, 2011 – 2013
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, 2010 – 2011
- Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President, Senior Counsel for Environmental Policy and Public Involvement, 2009 – 2010; General Counsel, 2008 – 2009; Deputy General Counsel, 2000 – 2007
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Senior Trial Attorney, Natural Resources Section, 1998 – 2000
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, 1996 – 1998
- U.S. Department of Justice, Trial Attorney, 1990 – 1996

NEWS

01.10.2023

Ted Boling Quoted in Politico—White House Puts a ‘Thumb on the Scales’ for Green Energy

General News

Politico

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "White House Puts a 'Thumb on the Scales' for Green Energy," an article in *Politico*, regarding how climate-friendly projects could receive federal permits more easily based on the greenhouse gas guidance released by the White House last week.

09.14.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in E&E News—Manchin Deal Might Not Save Mountain Valley Pipeline

General News

E&E News

08.22.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in Vice—Why Doesn't America Build Things?

General News

Vice

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "Why Doesn't America Build Things?" an article in *Vice*, regarding environmental review laws and America's challenges in building ambitious infrastructure.

08.18.2022

Best Lawyers® 2023 Recognizes 403 Perkins Coie Attorneys

Press Releases

Perkins Coie is proud to announce that 403 of its attorneys have been recognized by *Best Lawyers® 2023*. A total of 279 attorneys were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* and 124 attorneys were selected for inclusion in the 2023 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

08.12.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in Bloomberg Law—Federal Permitting Set for Billion-Dollar Boost in Climate Bill

General News

Bloomberg Law

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "Federal Permitting Set for Billion-Dollar Boost in Climate Bill," an article in *Bloomberg Law*, regarding the expansion of permitting resources at several federal agencies under the new climate-and-tax bill.

05.19.2022

Perkins Coie's Ted Boling, Laura Morton, and Don Baur Author Report With the Ocean Conservancy Highlighting How Federal Government Can Boost US Offshore Wind Generation

Press Releases

Perkins Coie partners Ted Boling, Laura Morton, and Don Baur have partnered with the Ocean Conservancy to author a comprehensive report on how concrete actions by the federal government could further develop the potential of U.S. offshore wind

generation as a clean energy source.

05.17.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in Politico Pro—The Trump Policy That Climate Advocates Want Biden To Keep Intact (Mostly)

General News

Politico Pro

Ted Boling Quoted in, "The Trump Policy That Climate Advocates Want Biden To Keep Intact (Mostly)," an article in *Politico Pro*, regarding the goals to hasten a major expansion of renewable energy and transmission projects designed to combat climate change and decarbonize the economy.

05.16.2022

Perkins Coie Attorneys Quoted in Riviera—Enhanced Planning and Permitting ‘Would Help Us Overcome Offshore Wind Headwinds’

General News

Riviera

Perkins Coie Attorneys quoted in "Enhanced Planning and Permitting ‘Would Help Us Overcome Offshore Wind Headwinds’," an article in *Riviera*, regarding a new report proposing policy changes and regulatory updates that can help overcome challenges in the US offshore wind sector.

05.13.2022

Perkins Coie Attorneys Quoted in Energy Central—Ocean Conservancy: U.S. Offshore Wind Energy Faces Headwinds

General News

Energy Central

Perkins Coie Attorneys quoted in, "Ocean Conservancy: U.S. Offshore Wind Energy Faces Headwinds," an article in *Energy Central*, regarding the combination of policy changes and regulatory updates that can take U.S. offshore wind energy from potential to power.

04.19.2022

Partner Ted Boling Quoted in Greenwire—Biden Restores Climate to NEPA, Undoing Trump’s Efforts

General News

Greenwire

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in the Greenwire article "Biden Restores Climate to NEPA, Undoing Trump's Efforts" regarding the White House today completed reforms on how agencies implement the National Environmental Policy Act, effectively undoing one of the Trump administration's most controversial environmental regulatory rollbacks.

04.19.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in the Wall Street Journal—Biden Administration Restores Stricter Environmental Reviews

General News

The Wall Street Journal

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "Biden Administration Restores Stricter Environmental Reviews," an article in *The Wall Street Journal*, regarding the reinstatement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) measures.

02.16.2022

Ted Boling Quoted in E&E News—NEPA Reviews Moving Faster Under Biden

General News

E&E News

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "NEPA Reviews Moving Faster Under Biden," an article in *E&E News*, on federal agencies issuing decisions on infrastructure permits faster than average.

12.07.2021

Ted Boling Quoted in Bloomberg Law—Atlantic Transmission Bottlenecks Threaten Offshore Wind Growth

General News

Bloomberg Law

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "Atlantic Transmission Bottlenecks Threaten Offshore Wind Growth," an article in *Bloomberg Law*, regarding the race for plug-in offshore projects.

10.15.2021

Ted Boling and Julie Wilson-McNerney Paper Recognized by American Bar Association

General News

American Bar Association

Ted Boling and Julie Wilson-McNerney co-authored "Tackling the Climate Crisis on Public Land: The Biden Approach to Public Land Management." The paper was recently recognized by the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' 29th Fall Conference Committee as an Honorable Mention for the "Best Paper" award.

10.06.2021

Ted Boling Quoted in Inside EPA—CEQ's NEPA Proposal Returns Climate Impacts to Forefront of Analyses

General News

[Inside EPA](#)

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "CEQ's NEPA Proposal Returns Climate Impacts to Forefront of Analyses," an article in *Inside EPA*, regarding the new proposal by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) that floats three core changes for how agencies implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

08.20.2021

Ted Boling Quoted in Bloomberg Law—US Must Weigh Climate in Oil Leasing After Ruling, Lawyers Say

General News

[Bloomberg Law](#)

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "U.S. Must Weigh Climate in Oil Leasing After Ruling, Lawyers Say," an article in *Bloomberg Law*, regarding the need for the Council on Environmental Quality to re-issue NEPA guidance on the consideration of greenhouse gas emissions for all manner of infrastructure projects.

05.13.2021

Ted Boling Quoted in Journal News—Environmental Laws Bypassed at Westchester Airport Project

General News

[Journal News](#)

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "Environmental Laws Bypassed at Westchester Airport Project," an article in *Journal News*, regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

04.26.2021

Ted Boling Featured on Environmental Professionals Radio—Policy in NEPA, Offshore Wind, and National Parks

General News

[Environmental Professionals Radio](#)

Partner Ted Boling was featured on the *National Association of Environmental Professionals Radio* episode, "[Policy in NEPA, Offshore Wind, and National Parks](#)," where he spoke with Laura Thorne and Nic Frederick about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), offshore wind, and the national parks.

04.26.2021

Ted Boling Quoted in Bloomberg Law—Lawyers Look to Courts to Resolve Environment Standards 'Chaos'

General News

[Bloomberg Law](#)

Partner Ted Boling was quoted in "[Lawyers Look to Courts to Resolve Environment Standards 'Chaos,'](#)" an article in *Bloomberg Law*, regarding the order signed by Deb Haaland, which rolled back Ryan Zinke's 2017 directive for how the department will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act when considering infrastructure proposals such as wind farms and pipelines.

12.16.2020

Ted Boling Quoted in Multiple Publications Regarding the Appointment of Brenda Mallory

General News

Ted Boling was quoted multiple publications regarding the appointment of Brenda Mallory to lead the Council on Environmental Quality, according to two people close to the Biden transition team.

10.19.2020

Ted Boling and Stacey Bosshardt Mentioned in Multiple Publications Regarding Joining Perkins Coie

General News

Ted Boling and Stacey Bosshardt were mentioned in multiple publications regarding joining Perkins Coie's Environment & Natural Resources practice in the Washington, D.C., office.

10.01.2020

Perkins Coie Expands National Environmental, Energy and Resources Practice With Prominent Project Development Lawyers in Washington, DC

Press Releases

Perkins Coie announced today that Edward (Ted) Boling and Stacey Bosshardt are joining the firm's Environment, Energy & Resources Practice in the Washington, D.C. office.

10.01.2020

Stacey Bosshardt and Ted Boling Mentioned in Bloomberg Law – Two Leading Federal Environmental Lawyers Jump to Perkins Coie

General News

[Bloomberg Law](#)

Stacey Bosshardt and Ted Boling were mentioned in the *Bloomberg Law* article, "Two Leading Federal Environmental Lawyers Jump to Perkins Coie," regarding joining the firm.

PUBLICATIONS

01.10.2023

CEQ Issues Guidance on Evaluating Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Effects Under NEPA

Updates

The Council on Environmental Quality published guidance on how to evaluate greenhouse gas emissions and climate change under the National Environmental Policy Act.

12.20.2022

BLM To Accelerate Solar Energy Development on Public Lands in the West

Updates

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced on December 5, 2022, that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will develop an updated Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to help guide solar energy development on public lands throughout the West.

12.08.2022

BOEM Conducts First-Ever California Offshore Wind Lease Sale

Updates

On December 6–7, 2022, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) held its third offshore wind lease sale this year—and the first of its kind for floating wind—bringing in \$757.1 million from five lease areas off the central and north coasts of California.

11.23.2022

White House Releases Version 1.0 of Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

Updates

The Biden-Harris administration launched Version 1.0 of its Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool on November 22, 2022.

11.10.2022

Draft North Atlantic Right Whale and Offshore Wind Strategy Announced

Updates

As the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has ramped up offshore wind development to meet the Biden-Harris administration's goal of generating 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030, the expansion of offshore wind energy could affect the North Atlantic right whale.

11.01.2022

NEPA Means Better Agency Decisions

Articles

The Environmental Forum

Partner Ted Boling authored “NEPA Means Better Agency Decisions” published in the *The Environmental Forum* regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its regime for environmental impact assessment and framework for a transparent, evidence-based public process for agency decisions.

10.20.2022

BOEM Releases Final Sale Notice for California Offshore Wind Lease Sale

Updates

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued its Final Sale Notice (FSN) on October 18, 2022, for the first offshore wind energy leases on the west coast of the United States.

08.19.2022

The Inflation Reduction Act's Impact on Offshore Wind Leasing

Updates

The \$437 billion Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law on August 16, 2022, by President Biden, makes historic investments in clean energy. The IRA allocates \$369 billion toward energy security, carbon emissions reduction, and climate resilience.

07.19.2022

BOEM Announces First Regional Environmental Analysis of Offshore Renewable Energy

Updates

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management published its notice of intent on Friday, July 15, 2022, to prepare a programmatic environmental review to analyze the potential impacts of wind energy development activities in the New York Bight—offshore New York and New Jersey.

06.28.2022

Transforming Institutions to Connect Land and Water for Healthy Communities

Articles

Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA)

Partner Ted Boling co-authored “Transforming Institutions to Connect Land and Water for Healthy Communities” published in the *Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWR)*.

06.09.2022

Move America’s Offshore Wind Energy From Potential to Power

Articles

The Hill Op-Ed

As leaders gather for the first in-person celebration of Capitol Hill Ocean Week in two years, we have a proposal for how to bridge the chasm between America’s offshore wind energy ambition and current capacity.

06.08.2022

BOEM Proposes First Ever West Coast Offshore Wind Lease Sale

Updates

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management published its Proposed Sale Notice on May 31, 2022, for what would be the first ever offshore wind energy leases on the west coast of the United States.

05.17.2022

Offshore Wind Energy Momentum Continues

Updates

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) held its second offshore wind lease sale of 2022 off the East Coast on May 11, bringing in \$315 million from two lease areas in the Carolina Long Bay.

05.13.2022

From Policy to Power: Federal Actions to Deliver on America’s Offshore Wind Potential

Updates

Ocean Conservancy and Perkins Coie partnered to outline actionable recommendations that, if implemented, would significantly increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and regulatory certainty of U.S. offshore wind.

04.04.2022

Biden Administration Continues Offshore Wind Momentum With Ninth Lease Sale

Updates

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released its final sale notice (FSN) for two lease areas totaling 110,091 acres in the Carolina Long Bay Area on March 25, 2022.

11.09.2021

Changes to the Environmental Review Process for Surface Transportation Projects in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Updates

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which President Biden is expected to sign into law, contains some important changes to the federal environmental review process for surface transportation projects.

10.12.2021

Council on Environmental Quality Proposes Revisions to 2020 NEPA Regulations

Updates

The Council on Environmental Quality has proposed amendments to its 2020 NEPA implementing regulations, adopted during the waning days of the Trump administration.

08.19.2021

FAST-41 Environmental Review and Permitting Process Changes in the Senate Infrastructure Bill

Updates

Title VIII of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), the infrastructure bill recently passed by the U.S. Senate, includes several important amendments to Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, or FAST-41, which have the potential to significantly reform the federal environmental review and permitting process for covered infrastructure projects.

04.21.2021

Managing Conflict: Department of the Interior Implementation of 2020 NEPA Regulations

Updates

The secretary of the interior issued two Secretarial Orders on April 16, 2021, that provide early indications of the Biden administration’s approach to the environmental review process for infrastructure projects under the National Environmental Policy Act.

12.09.2020

Mining Proposal Raises Questions About Permitting Council

Articles

Law360

Nearly five years after it was established, the Federal Permit Improvement Steering Council has proposed adding the mining sector to the list of infrastructure sectors covered by Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST-41.

12.01.2020

Federal Permitting Council Proposes Adding Mining Sector Under “FAST-41”

Updates

The Federal Permit Improvement Steering Council on November 27, 2020, proposed to add mining to the list of infrastructure sectors that are covered by Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41).

11.25.2020

Department of Transportation Proposes New NEPA Procedures

Updates

The U.S. Department of Transportation has proposed comprehensive changes to update its procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act in response to the Council on Environmental Quality's July 16, 2020, overhaul of the regulations implementing NEPA.

11.20.2020

Forest Service Releases Narrowly Tailored Update to Its NEPA Procedures

Updates

The U.S. Forest Service has released narrowly tailored changes to update its procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act, in the wake of the Council on Environmental Quality's recent overhaul of the NEPA regulations.

PRESENTATIONS

01.18.2023

Litigation Roundup: An Overview of Recent and Ongoing Litigation and Legal Issues Impacting Water

Speaking Engagements

[American Water Works Association / Virtual Legal Roundtable](#)

12.08.2022

NEPA Reform and Permitting for Strategic Minerals

Speaking Engagements

[American Exploration & Mining Association's Annual Meeting / Sparks, NV](#)

10.19.2022

Interagency Coordination: The All-of-Government Approach to Permitting

Speaking Engagements

Panelist

[American Clean Power Offshore WINDPOWER Conference 2022 / Providence, RI](#)

05.16.2022

Best Practices for NEPA Implementation in a Dynamic Regulatory Environment

Speaking Engagements

Ted Boling co-presented “Best Practices for NEPA Implementation in a Dynamic Regulatory Environment” at the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

05.06.2022

NEPA beyond 50: EIA for Renewable Infrastructure Investment

Speaking Engagements

Ted Boling presented “NEPA beyond 50: EIA for Renewable Infrastructure Investment” to the International Association for Impact Assessment Conference.

04.08.2022

Infrastructure Bill—Transformational Change, or More of the Same?

Speaking Engagements

Panelist

[ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 51st Spring Conference on Environmental Law / San Francisco, CA](#)

02.15.2022

NEPA and Environmental Justice Development

Speaking Engagements

06.09.2021

The Future of NEPA—the Status and Future of New NEPA Rules

Speaking Engagements

American Bar Association / Webinar

Matt Rojas and Ted Boling participated in a panel entitled "The Future of NEPA—the Status and Future of New NEPA Rules" on a recent ABA-sponsored webinar.

05.20.2021

CEQ's Review of the 2020 Final Rule: Issues and Opportunities

Speaking Engagements

NAEP 2021 Conference & Training Symposium / Virtual

This presentation discussed the major issues in the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) 2020 final rule updating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing regulations, the CEQ process to "consider suspending, revising, or rescinding," the 2020 rule under Executive Order 13990, and recommendations on which provisions from the 2020 rule should be retained or modified.

04.21.2021

Partner Ted Boling Featured on Environmental Professionals Radio—Policy in NEPA, Offshore Wind, and National Parks with Ted Boling

Speaking Engagements

Environmental Professionals Radio / Podcast

04.01.2021

Offshore Transmission Planning

Speaking Engagements

Energy Bar Association

Electric Power in the Biden Era

02.16.2021

NEPA at 50

Speaking Engagements

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Oil & Gas Environmental and Regulatory Institute / Virtual Event

02.15.2021

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

Speaking Engagements

Environmental/Regulatory Special Institute / Washington, D.C.

11.05.2020

The National Environmental Policy Act

Speaking Engagements

29th Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law / Virtual

AREAS OF FOCUS

PRACTICES

- Environment & Natural Resources
- Climate Law

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990, Editor-in-Chief, *Washington University Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law* (now *Journal of Law and Policy*)
- Mary Washington College, B.A., 1986