



Bill Beck and Jessica Merrigan Among 50 Attorneys Recognized Nationally as National Law Journal's Energy & Environmental Trailblazers

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 8, 2015) – *National Law Journal* recently recognized Lathrop Gage Partners Bill Beck and Jessica Merrigan among the “Top 50 Energy & Environmental Trailblazers” in 2015.

In its inaugural year, the national award recognizes attorneys who provide high-level counsel in the energy and environmental industries. Beck and Merrigan were selected from attorneys nominated across the country.

“Bill and Jessie are great assets to our clients in a complex regulatory arena,” said Mark Bluhm, Lathrop & Gage CEO. “They each have a winning track record to merit this recognition. We are proud of their contributions to our environmental law team.”

Beck is a nationally recognized trial lawyer with 35 years of experience. As the *NLJ* article states, “Beck’s most recent wins include a defeating blow to Erin Brockovich’s hexavalent chromium exposure class actions.” The majority of his practice focuses on trials, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, mediations and negotiations to resolve high stakes, technical, complex disputes involving environmental liability and insurance coverage. Beck is also a member of the firm’s executive committee.

Merrigan has a decade of experience and is the co-leader of Lathrop & Gage’s environmental practice team. She works with clients to approach environmental responsibility in a way that allows them “to become better business people and better environmental stewards,” the *NLJ* article states. She represents clients in administrative negotiations with both the Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies. Merrigan also assists clients with federal environmental laws and regulations, including permitting and compliance requirements for various environmental agencies throughout the nation.

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