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Larry Liebesman is a partner in the Washington D.C. office of Holland & Knight where he specializes in the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species (ESA) Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) law and litigation. He has been involved as amicus in landmark Supreme Court CWA and ESA cases involving the scope and reach of federal regulation under those statutes. He represents municipalities, mining companies and developers in providing advice and counsel on a range of environmental issues, negotiating federal and state permits and defending federal and state enforcement actions. He represented NACWA as *amicus* in the Cases of *United States v. City of Renton* and *DeKalb County v. the United States* involving the stormwater fee amendment to the CWA sponsored by Sen. Cardin and signed into law in January, 2011 (Pub.L 111-378).

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Liebesman was a Senior Trial Attorney in the Environment Division of the Department of Justice where he handled cases under a range of environmental statutes including defending EPA's NPDES permit regulations in *NRDC v. EPA*. He also worked at EPA's Office of Federal Activities, EPA's NEPA Office, and served a year's detail at the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) during the Carter Administration helping to develop CEQ's NEPA regulations. He speaks and writes extensively on environmental topics and is co-author of the *Endangered Species Deskbook* (ELI) and also serves a co-chair of the Water Quality and Wetlands Committee of the ABA's section of Environment, Energy and Resources.

Mr. Liebesman is an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School where he co-teaches a course on wildlife and ecosystems law. He is a *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of Rutgers University and received his JD with honors from the George Washington University Law School.