

# Val Washington

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## Career Snapshot

- Spearheaded the production of the Hazardous Waste Siting and State Solid Waste Management Plans, both decades overdue, at NYSDEC.
- Helped shape/draft the 2003 Superfund & Brownfields law.
- Provided services and counsel to numerous not-for-profit organizations.
- Taught environmental courses at Albany Law School, the Pratt Institute Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design, Bard Master's Program in Environmental Studies, and the College of Saint Rose.
- Frequent presenter on Marcellus Shale drilling and Brownfields.

## Practice Areas

- Administrative Law
- Appeals
- Environmental
- Government Relations
- Not-for-Profit

## Bar Admissions

- New York State
- U.S. District Court, Northern & Western District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second and D.C. Districts

## Education

- Albany Law School of Union University – J.D. (1975)
- Harpur College (Binghamton University) – B.A. (1970)

## Professional Experience:

### Allen & Desnoyers LLP

*Albany, New York*

*January 2012 – Present*

#### *Of Counsel*

Provide legal advice and counsel to the firm's clients on a wide variety of issues, including: appellate, environmental, government relations and not-for-profit.

### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Albany, New York*

*April 2007 - December 2010*

#### *Deputy Commissioner, Remediation & Materials Management*

Oversaw the Divisions of Environmental Remediation, Materials Management and Mineral Resources. Reorganized two of the Divisions to incorporate progressive policy, create efficiencies and provide for cross-training. Also served from 1979 – 1982 as Regional Counsel.

### New Partners for Community Revitalization

*New York, New York*

*2006 - 2007*

#### *Senior Policy Analyst*

Performed research and analysis in the development and support of NPCR's policy agenda, and the production of reports and model legislation to facilitate the work of community organizations.

### New York State Trial Lawyers Association

*New York, New York*

*2003 - 2006*

#### *Counsel*

Drafted legislation and analyzed bills related to civil practice and individual rights. Provided research, analysis and advice on various corporate, legal and policy issues, and oversaw NYSTLA's *Amicus Curiae* function, writing and editing appellate briefs.

### Environmental Advocates of New York

*Albany, New York*

*1995 - 2003*

#### *Executive Director*

Directed the administration and program work of this state-wide, non-profit environmental advocacy organization. Led coalitions that secured dozens of laws and government initiatives, with a particular focus on the urban environment.

### New York State Attorney General

*Albany, New York*

*1982 - 1995*

#### *Assistant Attorney General/Supervising Attorney*

Oversaw a staff of 35 in representing numerous State agencies and employees in state and federal trial and appellate courts on environmental matters. Served as a member of the toxics project created in response to Love Canal.

### New York State Olympic Task Force

*Lake Placid, New York*

*1978 - 1979*

#### *Counsel*

### Various Not-for-Profit Organizations

*Staff Attorney/Consultant*

*1975 - 1978*