

Attorney
Biography

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Drew Minkiewicz is an associate in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. His practice focuses on representing commercial fishing interests and maritime organizations and providing counsel regarding regulatory issues. His practice also includes advising clients on legislative initiatives, civil enforcement matters and regulatory strategies.

Prior to joining Kelley Dye, Mr. Minkiewicz served as senior counsel and staff director of the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation under Subcommittee Chair Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and under Senator John McCain (R-AZ) during his full Committee chairmanship. As a senior policy advisor, Mr. Minkiewicz proposed and executed the Subcommittee's legislative agenda, drafted legislation (including three Coast Guard reauthorizations), requested and secured appropriation requests, and prepared Committee members for legislative hearings. He moved all fishery and Coast Guard-related legislation through the Senate (from introduction to final passage) and served as principal staff person in passing the first major revision of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in ten years.

Prior to serving on the Subcommittee, he was a Natural Resources Sea Grant Fellow and legislative assistant to Governor Kitzhaber of Oregon. In this position, he lobbied Congress for policies and appropriations on federal natural resource issues and helped to pass the first Marine Fisheries Policy for the National Governors' Association.

Representative Experience:

Co-litigating matters involving the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Administrative Procedure Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Crafting litigation strategies and drafting summary judgment motions, complaints and opposition briefs, as well as arguing motions involving commercial fisheries clients in federal court and in enforcement actions.

Participating in federal Fisheries Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission rulemaking. Providing written comment, live testimony and working with clients to develop regulatory strategies.

Honors and Awards:

United States Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award

Publications:

"Paying for Others' Neglect," *National Fisherman*, December 2009, with Shaun M. Gehan.

Client Advisories:

"KDW's Government Relations Practice Releases an "Overview of the Obama Administration and the 111th Congress", " January 15, 2009

"Kelley Drye's Government Relations Practice Releases "2008 Election Overview", " November 07, 2008

"National Marine Fisheries Service's New Environmental Assessment Guidelines," July 30, 2008

"Joint Guidance Issued for Compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act, As Amended by the Honest Leadership & Open Government Act of 2007," December 18, 2007

"Congress Passes Ethics and Lobbying Reform Bill," August 27, 2007

Speaking Engagements:

"Magnuson Reauthorized - What Changes We can Expect," The Maine Fishermen's Forum, Rockland, ME, March 2, 2007.

"Is Anybody Listening- Be Sure to be Heard," Maine Fishermen's Forum, Rockland, ME, March 3, 2007.

Bar Admissions:

District of Columbia, 2001

Massachusetts, 2001

Education:

University of Oregon School of Law, J.D., 2001

Oregon Review of International Law, notes and comments editor

New England Fishery Management Council, served on staff of council member

University of Oregon School of Law's Ocean and Coastal Law Center, research assistant

Colby College, B.A., *With Distinction*, 1996

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