

MARY VARSON CROMER



EXPERIENCE

Deputy Director and Staff Attorney, APPALACHIAN CITIZENS' LAW CENTER, Whitesburg, KY, Oct. 2008–present

Deputy Director 2018–present. Litigate before agencies, federal courts, and Virginia and Kentucky state courts on behalf of individuals and client groups on environmental matters related to coal mining. Engage in multi-party collaborative litigation with other environmental attorneys. Advise client groups on changes in laws and regulations regarding coal mining.

Associate Attorney, SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER, Charlottesville, VA, Feb. 2007–Sept. 2008

Wrote briefs for Clean Water Act litigation. Worked with client groups and agencies on issues related to Clean Water Act enforcement and permitting.

Law Clerk, THE HONORABLE GLEN CONRAD, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, Roanoke, VA, Aug. 2006– Jan. 2007

Prepared bench memoranda on civil and criminal law issues. Helped prepare for civil and criminal trials and hearings. Attended court daily.

Student Attorney, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW BLACK LUNG CLINIC, Lexington, VA, 2005–2006

Wrote and submitted briefs to the Benefits Review Board and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Argued cases before an administrative law judge and before the Fourth Circuit.

EDUCATION

JD, *magna cum laude*, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2006, Lexington, VA

Honors: The Order of the Coif, Law Review Staff Writer

Activities: President, Environmental Law Society

BA, English Language & Literature, University of Virginia, 1995, Charlottesville, VA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE, Wise, VA, Fall 2012

Developed and taught undergraduate Introduction to Environmental Law course.

Permitting Issues and Citizens' Complaint Process, SMCRA Legal Training, Pittsburg, PA, July 29–31, 2011.

Lands Unsuitable for Mining: Past, Present, and Future, Appalachian Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN, November 19–21, 2010. Taught with Stephen A. Sanders and Deborah M. Murray

Citizens' Participation Opportunities in SMCRA, Appalachian Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN, October 21-23, 2011.

DMRs and the Integrity of the Clean Water Act's Enforcement System, Appalachian Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN, October 21-23, 2011. Taught with Lauren Waterworth.

PUBLICATIONS

Mary Varson Cromer, *Clean Water in Eastern Kentucky*, CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW, Mar-Apr 2013, available at <http://povertylaw.org/communication/advocacy-stories/cromer>.

Mary Varson Cromer, *Valley Fill Litigation*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WATER POLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (CQ Press, 2011).

Mary Varson Cromer, *Testing the Boundaries of the Clean Water Act on the Virginia-Kentucky Border*, VIRGINIA LAWYER MAGAZINE, Dec. 2008, at 44.

Mary Varson Cromer, *Don't Give Me That!: Tax Valuation of Gifts to Art Museums*, 63 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 777 (2006).

Mary Varson Cromer, *Troubled Waters: Chronic, Systemic Fish Kills Plague the Shenandoah River Basin*, 17 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW NEWS 9 (2006).

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia—2006, Kentucky—2009

2007, United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia

2009, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

2013, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

2014, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

2021, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit