

Katherine A. Meyer

Work Experience

MEYER GLITZENSTEIN & EUBANKS, LLP (formerly MEYER & GLITZENSTIN) (1993-2019) (Founder/Partner)

Public interest law firm specializing in Environmental, Animal, Open Government, Public Health, and Administrative law, both federal and state court litigation. Represented many national and grass roots groups, including, e.g., Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Welfare Institute, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society of the United States, Fund for Animals, Animal Protection Institute, Friends of the Earth, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, American Wild Horse Campaign Farm Sanctuary, New England Anti-Vivisection Society, Consumers Union, United States Public Interest Research Group, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Center for Auto Safety, and the Nation Magazine. Also represented many individuals, authors, reporters, and historians. *The Washingtonian Magazine* described Meyer & Glitzenstein as “the most effective public interest firm in Washington, D.C.”

HARMON & CURRAN (1989-1993) (Partner)

Public interest firm specializing in Environmental and Open-Government law, as well as Initiative and Referendum law, Employment Discrimination, Land Use, and general non-profit advice.

PUBLIC CITIZEN LITIGATION GROUP (1980-1989) (Staff Attorney)

Founded as the litigation arm of Consumer Advocate Ralph Nader’s network of public interest organizations, representing both organizations and individuals in a wide variety of public interest litigation. I specialized in Food and Drug law, primarily children’s safety issues and in Open-Government litigation, and handled cases involving Consumer Protection, Public Health, and Constitutional law issues.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE (1979-80) (Director)

A project of the Public Citizen Litigation Group, providing expertise, assistance, and resources to organizations and individuals seeking access to information under federal and state Open-Government laws.

THE CENTER FOR AUTO SAFETY (1977-1979) (Staff Attorney)

One of the first consumer protection organizations founded by Ralph Nader to protect consumers from unsafe and defective vehicles. Lead counsel, appointed by the Federal Trade Commission as the official “consumer representative” in a Trade Regulation Rulemaking Proceeding under the Magnuson-Moss Act on behalf of low-income consumers seeking protection from defective manufactured homes.

SWANKIN & TURNER (1976-1977) (Associate Attorney)

Public interest firm specializing in Consumer Protection and Food and Drug law on behalf of the public health community. Appointed official “consumer representative” for a Trade Regulation Rulemaking proceeding concerning fraudulent warranty and other practices of the used car industry.

Bars

Member of the District of Columbia and Maryland Bars; admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia, First, Third, Fourth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits.

Education

B.A., Manhattanville College (1973). Honors on English Comprehensives.

J.D., Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America (1976). Worked for the Democratic National Committee (Assistant to the State Democratic Chairmen), American Civil Liberties Union (Mayday Anti-War Coordinator), and Center for National Policy Review (wrote report on racial disparities in the provision of municipal services).

Teaching Experience

Taught Civil Litigation and Public Interest Advocacy at the Georgetown University Law Center for several years and have taught many seminars and classes at law schools around the country on various public interest topics. Frequent speaker at environmental law and animal protection conferences, including at, e.g. Harvard, Yale, Lewis & Clark, New York University, George Washington University, and Vermont Law Schools, and at the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference sponsored by the University of Oregon Law School.

Boards/Awards

Member of the Board of Directors, Center for Auto Safety; served for many years on the Boards of Defenders of Wildlife (Chair of the Litigation Committee), the Center for Biological Diversity, the Chesapeake Bay Legal Alliance, and the Wildlife Advocacy Project.

Appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to serve on its Advisory Committee on Procedures; awarded the Kerry Ryberg Award for Environmental Activism at the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (2013); Keynote Speaker, Annual Animal Law Summit, Washington State Bar Association (2015); Consistently named a “Top Attorney” by *The Washington Post Magazine*.

Legislative and Media Experience/Publications

Have testified before Congress on a variety of topics, been profiled twice in *The New York Times*, and appeared on television and radio, including *National Public Radio*, *Crossfire*, *Larry King Live*, *MacNeil Lebrer*, *C-Span*, and *Good Morning America*. Contributing author to the annual litigation manual, *Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws*, published by the American Civil Liberties Union, The Electronic Privacy Information Center, and James Madison Project. Several of my law school presentations have appeared in *Animal Law*, published by Lewis & Clark Law School, and other law review publications.