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### The American College of Environmental Lawyers Announces Newly-Elected Fellows for 2024

The American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL) announced May 22 the election of 17 new fellows. Each new College member has a depth of experience in – and has made substantial contributions to – the field of environmental law.

Fourteen of the fellows, including the College's first international affiliate, are in private practice, in firms small and big. Two are in academia. One is in government.

“Our new fellows are among the very best practitioners of environmental law in the country,” said ACOEL President Kevin R. Murray of Holland and Hart, LLP. “Collectively, they represent tremendous depth, breadth, and diversity of experience. We are pleased to welcome them to the College on the basis of their career achievements and thought leadership.”

The newly-elected fellows are:

**Bonnie Barnett**, Faegre Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, Philadelphia, PA

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