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HONORS & AWARDS

- KY Single Point of Contact to U.S. Trade Representative, 2005-2010
- Best Lawyers in America®, 2026-2027, Energy Law

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Government Relations

Utilities

Energy Law

Administrative Law

Permitting and Regulatory Compliance

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Business and Corporate Law

Coal

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2002

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 2004

Jason R. Bentley knows that some matters benefit most from a multidirectional approach. As both an attorney with McBrayer and a lobbyist with our affiliate MML&K Government Solutions in Frankfort, he has seen the issues faced by utilities and energy industry businesses from a wide variety of angles.

Jason began his career in government as one of several Committee Counsel for what is now the Energy & Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, frequently in the middle of high-stakes negotiations between powerful D.C. trade associations. This experience created an opportunity to move his family back to Kentucky, first as General Counsel and Policy Advisor to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, then as Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Energy Policy and the Kentucky Single Point of Contact U.S. Trade Representative. From there, Jason went on to represent the interests of energy and utility companies, learning the inner workings of their businesses firsthand. With this diverse array of perspectives, Jason crafts well-informed and effective solutions for his clients' problems, often involving a combination of strategies from both the legal and government relations sides of his work.

Jason knows well that with energy and utilities projects come many challenges, and he helps facilitate timely resolution of complex regulatory issues and is committed to staying up to

CLERKSHIPS

US Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section 1999

EDUCATION

J.D., Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont, 1999

- Law Review: *Vermont Law Review*, Member, 1997 - 1999

M.S.E.L., Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont, 1999

- Notable Achievements: Environmental Scholar Award

United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) Development Law Service, Rome, Italy, Visiting Scholar, 1998

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

- Major: Evolutionary Ecology
- Graduate Research Assistant - 1996
- Honors: Dean's List

B.S., Centre College of Kentucky, Danville, Kentucky, December 1994

date with the ever-evolving rules, regulations, and technologies of the industry in order to deliver cutting edge legal and policy advice to his clients. Matters with which he assists clients include regulatory energy and environmental issues, including government fines, energy project development and siting, transportation and transmission, permitting and regulatory compliance, property rights, energy contracts and supply, commercial development, recycling issues, and water and air quality issues.

In his free time, Jason enjoys golfing, gardening, fishing, and hunting. He also volunteers his time to youth soccer programs with his children, including serving as the President of the Bluegrass Soccer Club from 2016 to 2021. Having played soccer himself through college and beyond, Jason wants to pass along the values he finds so important in team sports: work ethic, sportsmanship, commitment, and what it means to be a good teammate.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Advises corporate clients on economic development and regulatory compliance, including project development, expansion, administrative procedure, public policy, and legislation.
- Creates positive outcomes for clients working with state, federal, and local governments.

Professional Activities

- Kentucky Bar Association, Member
- Energy Bar Association, Member
- Vermont Law Review, Member
- U.S. Trade Representative, Kentucky Point of Contact, 2006 to Present
- Bluegrass Soccer Club, Board President

News

IN THE MEDIA - Fifty McBrayer Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers® for 2027*
August 20, 2026

McBrayer PLLC Achieves Record-Breaking Recognition in *Best Lawyers in America® 2026*
August 21, 2025

Articles

Examining the Role of Potentially Responsible Parties in Natural Resources Damages Claims, Vermont Law Review, 23 VT. L. REV. 431, 1998