Kurt Schaefer a Featured Panelist at Midwest Energy & Climate Policy Conference

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Lathrop Gage attorney Kurt Schaefer (Environment - Jefferson City) was part of an esteemed panel on June 10, titled "Governmental Response to Emerging Energy Issues." This forum was part of the 4th annual Midwest Energy & Climate Policy Conference, which took place over three days this month in St. Louis.

Mr. Schaefer, a state senator for Missouri, was joined by Doug Scott, the director of Illinois EPA; Agnes Mrozowski of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; Tom Wolf of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Energy Council; Robert Clayton, chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Jeff Davis of the Missouri Public Service Commission; Jason Hall, Missouri Department of Economic Development, and Warren Wood, MEDA.

The roundtable covered the crucial role played by public institutions to ensure that the environment is protected and that consumers have access to safe, reliable and reasonably priced utility services. The conference brought experts from across the region and country to discuss federal and state energy priorities, proposed legislative and regulatory actions, emerging national security issues, corporate response to carbon management, the future of coal, natural gas, and nuclear power, private sustainability initiatives, the prospect and analysis of new "green" projects and jobs, and the outlook for alternative energy research and initiatives. It was sponsored by the Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri (REGFORM), the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Missouri Energy Initiative (MEI), the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association.

Mr. Schaefer's practice focuses on litigation, environmental, health care, governmental relations, administrative, business and public utilities. He is a State Senator for the 19th Senate district. He is the former General Counsel and Deputy Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Special Counsel to the Governor, Special Counsel to the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Assistant Attorney General. As General Counsel and Deputy Director at DNR, Mr. Schaefer was responsible for all legal aspects of the State's Environmental Regulatory and Enforcement Agency, which also owns and manages the State's 83 state parks and historic sites, including litigation management, environmental, administrative, employment, personal injury, Sunshine Law and open records/meetings, contracts, property and land acquisition, criminal and constitutional law.

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