

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement- "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Elin Swanson Katz		
2. Your Title: Connecticut Consumer Counsel		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes x	No
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. N/A		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. See attached.		

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Connecticut Consumer Counsel

Consumer Counsel, October 2011 -present

Agency Head, Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) and State Broadband Office (SBO)

Appointed statutory advocate for Connecticut consumers on matters relating to electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications. Represent consumer interests in rate cases and other proceedings before the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, state and federal courts, federal agencies, and other forums. Develop, collaborate, and advocate on legislative proposals and policy development at the state, regional, and federal level. Provide in-person testimony before state legislative committees.

Established SBO, and designed and executed the CTgig Project, engaging with state officials, legislators, and over 100 municipal leaders to develop public-private partnership models for deployment of optical fiber networks. Advocate at state, regional, and federal level for universal access to affordable high-speed broadband services for all consumers.

Serve as Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy's designee and Chairperson for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

Current President of National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), and serve as NASUCA's representative on the FCC Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

Develop media strategy and outreach programs for OCC and SBO. Frequent speaker, panel member, and commentator on issues related to electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications.

Honors: 2016 Coalition for Local Internet Choice State Champion Award;
2014 Achievement Award from New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE)

Day Pitney LLP, Hartford, Connecticut
Counsel, February 2001- October 2004
Member, Environmental and Land Use Department

Advised clients on civil and criminal environmental law, including remediation and real estate development, energy issues, underground storage tank regulation, cost recovery actions, Transfer Act compliance, toxic torts, environmental audits, environmental permitting, and state and federal criminal investigations.

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Associate Counsel, 1996-January 2001
Legal counsel in Commissioner's Office

Advised the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners and Department staff on all aspects of environmental law, including permitting, planning, and enforcement, energy, forestry, fisheries, wildlife management, and land acquisition matters.

Moehrke, Mackie & Shea, Boston, Massachusetts
Attorney, 1993- 1996

Conducted hazardous waste litigation before state and federal courts. Represented clients on energy issues, wetlands, zoning, and other land use matters.

Howrey & Simon, Washington, D.C.
Attorney, 1990 - 1993

Environmental law, general commercial litigation, Superfund, antitrust matters.

EDUCATION/COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

Katz Writing Solutions
January 2009- October 2011

Professional writing consultant and instructor for law firms and businesses.

Visiting Lecturer, Trinity College
Fall 2007- Fall 2011

Courses: Multiple sections of English 101/Writing; Special Writing Topics: The Rhetoric of Humor and Satire. Collaborate with Director of Writing Center on design and implement of new English 101 writing assessment program.

Adjunct Professor, Tunxis Community College
Fall 2004- Spring 2007

Courses: Introduction to Composition, Literature and Composition, Perspectives in the Humanities. Administrative position: Adjunct Liaison responsible for implementing new assessment program for over forty adjunct faculty members.

Adjunct Professor, Manchester Community College
Spring 2005

Course: Advanced Composition (research and writing skills)

Legal Writing Instructor, Day Berry & Howard LLP (now Day Pitney LLP)
Spring 2005 – 2006

Designed and conducted on-going teaching seminar for new attorneys at law firm; provide individual tutoring in writing instruction to attorneys.

Adjunct Professor, University of Connecticut School of Law
Spring 2002

Problems in Environmental Law: Hazardous Waste

EDUCATION

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut
2007 M.A. English (Writing, Rhetoric and Media Arts), *with honors*
Paul Smith Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts
1990 J.D., *cum laude*
Paul J. Liacos Scholar Award
Edward F. Hennessey Scholar Award

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
1987 B.S., Industrial and Labor Relations
Dean's List

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

West Hartford, Connecticut Board of Education
2009-2013
Vice-Chair; Financial Examiner.