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Ms. Murphy has been a regular speaker on a variety of environmental law subjects since 1994. Ms. Murphy started her career in PADEP's Northeast Region litigation office concentrating on the waste and remediation programs, and then worked for six years with PADEP's Southeast Region litigation office, also focusing on the waste and remediation programs, before moving to Harrisburg. She received her B.A. with honors from Boston College in history and her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.