



Kodi Jean Verhalen, P.E., Esq., Fellow NSPE
Vice President
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Kodi Jean Verhalen, P.E., Esq., F.NSPE is Vice President of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). She will serve as NSPE President in 2016-2017, the youngest Professional Engineer and only the third woman to advance to this position since the Society's founding in 1934.

Ms. Verhalen is an associate in the Energy Section at the law firm of Briggs and Morgan, P.A where she works with many Professional Engineers, Engineers-in-Training, and engineers on large energy infrastructure projects both from a regulatory and an environmental perspective. She has also advised clients on Professional Engineer licensure requirements, individual contract issues, ethics, and conflicts of interest.

Prior to joining Briggs, she was an environmental engineer for a Minnesota electric utility company specializing in the areas of hazardous and universal waste compliance, greenhouse gas reporting, storm water and spill plan development, and local, state and federal permitting for transmission projects. She is licensed to practice law in Minnesota state and federal courts and Wisconsin state courts. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Minnesota.

Ms. Verhalen continues to be active in professional engineering organizations while practicing law. Since 2001 she has been an active member of both the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MnSPE) and NSPE.

She started MnSPE's first student chapter at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. A year after college graduation she was elected to the MnSPE Executive Committee advancing to the position of MnSPE President in 2010. Her leadership roles with NSPE include membership on the Board of Directors and House of Delegates, and chairman of the Position Statement and Professional Policy Development Task Force. She has also been a member of NSPE's Budget and Audit committee, served on both the Annual Meeting and the Standard of Professionalism in Engineering Practice task forces, and was chairman of the Membership Committee and Bylaws Review Task Force.

Honors and awards include MnSPE's Young Engineer of the Year and the Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honors Society—Beta Zeta. In 2012 she was named a Fellow of NSPE.

In addition to professional organizations, Ms. Verhalen is also active in her community serving on the planning committee for Wine, Women & Shoes for University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and providing support to Community Aid Elk River.

She received a BS with honors in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and a Juris Doctor cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. While in law school Ms. Verhalen was elected by her classmates to be their representative for four years on the ABA Law Student Division, serving as the student organization's chair during her last year. She continues to mentor students and young engineers on the value of engineering licensure and the importance of giving back to their profession.

Kodi Jean Verhalen will speak at the NSPE-CO Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 6th 12 noon-2pm. More details are available at NSPE-CO.org.