

## Appalachian Coal Caravan

- Mining plays a predominate role in both the culture and economy of eastern Kentucky and the broader Appalachian region.
- While mining has significantly shifted from subsurface to strip mining both the inhalation and environmental dangers remain.
- In the American legal system bringing a lawsuit requires that a person be harmed; by the action being challenged, this creates difficulties for suits based on damage to the environment.



- The Appalachian Citizens Law Center works on behalf of miners and their widows in obtaining black lung benefits as well as representing groups challenging environmental damage don't by extractive industry.
- Caravan participants assisted the ACLC in explaining to client groups how to identify individuals with standing
- The end of the week workshop for environmental groups was an opportunity to blend the expertise of legal professionals (and students) with those of scientists and concerned lay individuals.

