

Environmental

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Overview

Complex business problems frequently have an environmental aspect. Our clients turn to Schiff Hardin's Environmental Group because we have the in-depth knowledge to simplify problems and find workable solutions, even those on the cutting-edge of new law and novel litigation. We advise clients engaged in a variety of industries and commercial endeavors, including electric generation from numerous fuel sources, natural gas transportation and distribution, manufacturing, site remediation, chemical processing, bio-fuels processing, real estate development, water treatment, and consumer goods manufacturing. We bring a strategic and practical approach to the issues, promoting trust with our clients.

National Scope and Breadth

Our practice reaches all corners of the country and problems affecting all environmental media. Our work impacts high profile Superfund and sediment sites in New York, New Jersey, Washington, and Ohio; enforcement and citizen suit litigation in California, Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana; gas pipeline work in Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and California; project and real estate development in the Midwest; transactional assistance affecting assets across the country; and electric generation New Source Review defense in Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana.

We Have the Experience

Rapidly evolving regulations challenge businesses every day. Climate change, limited resources, increased scrutiny by community and non-governmental organizations, increasing calls for lower and lower pollution standards, and increased globalization impact the environmental rules and regulator decisions that affect business. Our Environmental Group has helped develop, interpret, and implement nearly every major piece of environmental and energy legislation over the past 40 years.

We capably handle all aspects of regulatory compliance. We work with clients to analyze and minimize environmental risk through due diligence reviews and audits and guide them through the complex process of Superfund site remediation. We have seasoned litigators who understand how to present highly technical information to the courts and the public in an understandable way. Our lawyers efficiently assess matters, develop cost-effective litigation strategies, and bring disputes to successful conclusions through trial or settlement.

We speak the regulators' language, as several of our lawyers worked for federal and state environmental agencies, two in leadership positions, so our lawyers are able to effectively negotiate and advocate for our clients' needs. Solutions are crafted to align regulatory and business objectives.

We Are Leaders in Environmental Law

Chambers USA consistently recognizes our Environmental Group as a premier practice in its annual rankings, and four of our attorneys were named leading lawyers in *Chambers USA – Illinois*. Several of our lawyers also have been recognized by other publications including the Law Bulletin's *Illinois Leading Lawyers Network*, *Illinois Super Lawyers*, *U.S. News and World Report's Best Lawyers in America*, and *Who's Who Legal – Environment*.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking (2021)

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

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- **BTI “Innovation Builder”**

We were singled out by corporate counsel as one of only 28 percent of law firms clients view as a BTI “Innovation Builder,” which recognizes firms that bring change to the legal market through new technology, services, strategies, or structures.

- **Environmental Group Ranked in Illinois (2018)**

Chambers USA

- **Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking (2018)**

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

- **Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking (2017)**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”

- **Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking (2015)**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”

- **National Tier 2 Ranking**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” (2014)

- **Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” (2013)

- **National Tier 2 Ranking**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” (2013)

- **Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” (2011/2012)

- **National Tier 2 Ranking**

U.S. News & World Report's U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” (2011/2012)