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Overview

A nationally recognized attorney representing corporate, real estate and power generation companies in environmental disputes, Russell works on many of the largest, most complex, and potentially most expensive environmental matters in the United States.

These high-profile cases require counsel with substantial factual and technical understanding, which Russell has developed during his 30-year career. Whether in court or before an arbitrator, clients benefit from his knowledgeable, yet plainspoken style.

Russell is now advising several leading corporations with Superfund sites in New York, California and in the Midwest. These sites involve century-old processes where the land and adjacent waterways are the joint focus of the EPA or state regulators.

Russell's clients value his extensive experience, ability to implement overall strategic plans for large projects and identify other responsible parties to share costs. Given the uncertain and often unfair imposition of environmental costs, his careful building-block approach to developing his clients' cases has proven successful, and convinced many opponents to assess early settlement.

Previous Experience

Russell previously served as acting assistant enforcement counsel for the EPA in Washington, D.C. He litigated nationally significant PCB and pesticide cases as the EPA headquarters lead national counsel. Russell also served as a special assistant to the EPA's General Counsel and developed legal and enforcement policies for EPA's enforcement and reauthorization of the Superfund statute.

Practices

- Environmental
- Energy Litigation
- Citizen Suits and Environmental Activism
- Remediation and Superfund
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Emerging Contaminants
- Environmental Enforcement Defense

Industries

- Automotive
- Energy
- Real Estate

Credentials

Education

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1979
- Maxwell School of Syracuse University, M.P.A., 1978
- New College of Florida, B.A., Political Science, 1975

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- District of Columbia
- Missouri

Insights

05.20.2021

News Release

Chambers USA 2021 Ranks Five Practice Areas and 16 Attorneys

01.19.2021

News Release

Eighty-One Attorneys Named to 2021 Leading Lawyers

04.23.2020

News Release

Five Practice Areas and 19 Attorneys Ranked by *Chambers USA 2020 Guide*

02.19.2020

News Release

Eighty-Eight Attorneys Named to 2020 Leading Lawyers

04.25.2019

News Release

Chambers USA 2019 Ranks 23 Attorneys, Four Practice Areas

02.04.2019

News Release

2019 Leading Lawyers Lists Recognize 95 Schiff Attorneys

05.03.2018

News Release

Chambers USA 2018 Recognizes Four Practice Areas and 22 Attorneys

02.01.2018

News Release

95 Schiff Hardin Lawyers Named to 2018 Leading Lawyers Lists

05.26.2017

News Release

Chambers USA 2017 Recognizes 20 Schiff Hardin Attorneys and 4 Practice Areas

04.01.2017

News Release

99 Schiff Hardin Attorneys Named to 2017 Leading Lawyers List

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Other Publications

- "Inside the Minds: Environmental Law Client Strategies," (co-author) *Aspatore Books* (2008)

Speeches & Presentations

- "Rethinking the Steps for Effective Identification of Third Parties at Sediment Sites," The 8th International Symposium and Exhibition on the Redevelopment of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites, Atlantic City, N.J. (Jun. 3, 2019)
- "Re-Thinking Responses to Sediment Site Cleanup Demands" (co-presenter) 2017 Energy, Utility & Environment Conference, San Diego, Calif. (Feb. 9, 2017)

Awards & Honors

- *Chambers USA* – Environment: Litigation, Illinois (2011-2021)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer, Law Bulletin's *Illinois Leading Lawyers Network* (2012-2021)
- Peer Reviewed AV® Preeminent™, *Martindale-Hubbell* (Since 2009)
- "Special Achievement" Award for Litigation, Environmental Protection Agency (1982)