

# Environmental & Toxic Tort Group

*Regulation of the environment and access to natural resources, and exposure to pollution and environmental conditions, command a prime place in the public eye. That attention makes this field of law uniquely susceptible*



*to legislation and targeted enforcement by local, state, and federal regulators. The lawyers in our Environmental and Toxic Tort Litigation Group have the knowledge and experience to guide clients through these obstacles. Their experience comes from handling a wide variety of cases involving important issues in this field.*

In addition to knowledge of the applicable laws, a successful working relationship with the officials responsible for enforcing them is crucially important to a client's case. Our attorneys have developed those relationships. They start with the right credentials. They then



demonstrate their personal commitment to this field through community involvement and leadership. Finally, they are known by their continued study and frequent lecturing in the area. These qualities and accomplishments give them the credibility necessary to advance a client's goals.

**In handling these cases, our lawyers also draw on:**

- An understanding of complex environmental and toxicological science.
- A knowledge of how regulatory agencies seek to enforce statutes.
- Relationships with a network of nationally recognized experts in the field of environmental engineering and toxicology.



- Vast experience in controlling voluminous documents and numerous witnesses in the discovery of complex cases. Our courtroom skills enable us to present complex factual evidence and legal concepts to either administrative bodies or juries in an understandable and persuasive manner. Above all, however, our lawyers work to develop and implement a plan and budget that will accomplish the client's goal most efficiently and expeditiously.

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## Recent representative tasks in this area include:

- Defending a corporation in a multi-million dollar environmental clean-up suit from claims that it should be considered the successor-in-interest to the company responsible for the environmental harm.
- Defending a propane supplier from allegations that its installation of heating equipment caused personal injury, due to exposure to carbon monoxide fumes.
- Representing a supplier of laboratory specimens from claims by specimen users of exposure to toxic chemicals.



Our lawyers have the required skill, knowledge, and experience to successfully guide clients who face regulatory or litigation challenges throughout the environmental field, including the following areas:

- Representing a growing New Hampshire municipality in negotiations relating to the allocation of Superfund liability for a municipal landfill site.
- Acting as counsel for a manufacturer of gasoline containment systems in a products liability case relating to the release of gasoline into the environment.
- Guiding a major educational institution through the issues arising from environmental quality regulatory enforcement actions.
- Representing insurance carriers regarding toxic tort and latent injury insurance coverage issues arising from the presence of lead paint.
- Acting as defense counsel in latex glove litigation.
- Representing municipalities in regulatory issues involving large groundwater withdrawals.
- Aquifer containment
- Environmental site assessment liability
- Food poisoning
- Mold litigation
- Heavy metal contamination
- MTBE contamination
- Pesticide exposures
- Solid waste disposal regulation
- Groundwater contamination
- Municipal land fill closure
- Underground storage tank systems
- Environmental insurance coverage
- Hazardous waste regulation
- Lead paint exposure
- "Sick building" syndrome
- Superfund liability and cost allocation
- Wetlands regulation