



Environmental Law

HeplerBroom's Environmental Practice Group helps its clients stay on top of an increasingly complex maze of environmental laws and regulations. Our broad range of environmental services include all phases of air, land, and water issues, and we use our comprehensive experience to assist clients in a variety of complex environmental and worker safety matters.

Our team's first step is to gain a thorough understanding of each client's situation. Next, we help the client develop goals for resolving any issues it faces, and then we apply our experience, skill, and creativity to help the client reach those goals.

Our clients include:

- small and large industrial companies
- utilities
- agricultural cooperatives
- municipalities
- individuals
- property developers
- lenders
- business associations

We work closely with clients to determine what local, state, and federal regulatory requirements impact their businesses and to assess their compliance options. HeplerBroom's regulatory and litigation attorneys work together to devise strategies for dealing with potential noncompliance situations, whether they're at the local, state, or national level. We also provide vigorous advocacy in enforcement defense, permit appeals, and proceedings for regulatory relief.

We represent clients in compliance counseling and regulatory matters, as well as in litigation before state and federal courts and agencies. We also work closely with facilities, consultants, and regulators to negotiate appropriate permit provisions and defend or challenge permits and permit conditions when necessary.

Our attorneys conduct compliance assessments, plan for new regulations, prepare stakeholder comments in rulemaking proceedings, and assist in compliance audits for all environmental media and workplace safety issues.

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WE UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES

Our practice group is experienced in and regularly advises, assists, and counsels clients on the management of a wide range of environmental issues, including:

- waste matters
 - solid waste
 - hazardous waste
 - wastewater
 - stormwater
- underground and aboveground storage tanks
- siting and permitting of pollution control facilities
 - livestock facilities
 - coal mines
 - transportation of hazardous materials
 - abatement and remediation of asbestos, lead, and mold
- emissions trading matters
 - negotiating trades
 - preparing trade agreements
 - securing necessary regulatory approval
- property and asset transactions
 - transferring permits and other notifications to regulators
 - evaluating Phase I, II and III environmental site assessments
 - identifying, assessing, and finding solutions to environmental conditions
 - drafting and negotiating contractual provisions
 - consulting on site remediation
 - coordinating asbestos, mold and lead abatement in buildings and structures and subsurface contamination remediation
 - securing environmental insurance
 - handling Brownfields development, and obtaining financial incentives for investigation and remediation
 - acquiring adjacent property
 - securing deed restrictions and other institutional controls to expedite cleanups
- private claims based on environmental issues, including common law claims regarding
 - product liability
 - trespass
 - nuisance and fraud
 - cost recovery and contribution

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WE'RE EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH REGULATORS

Our offices in Springfield and Chicago are strategically located near the offices of environmental regulators. Our attorneys understand how local, state, and federal environmental agencies operate, and we practice extensively before administrative tribunals, as well as in state and federal trial and appellate courts.

We represent the regulated community in the development of environmental legislation and regulations, including in proceedings before the:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Pollution Control Board

WE KNOW THE LAWS

We have extensive experience in issues related to these federal and state laws and regulations:

- Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)
- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA)
- Clean Air Act (CAA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
- Illinois Environmental Protection Act
- Missouri environmental statutes and regulations

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