HEPLER BROOM LLC

ENVIRONMENTAL

Overview

The relationships we have built with environmental agencies benefit our clients as we work to resolve their compliance and permitting issues effectively and efficiently. We work closely with clients to identify goals and to devise strategies to achieve them. If negotiation is no longer an option, we provide vigorous advocacy in enforcement defense, permit appeals, and proceedings for regulatory relief.

We Know the Issues and Have the Solutions

We advise clients on a wide range of environmental issues, such as:

- Air permitting and state and federal regulatory compliance counseling
- Waste matters, including landfill regulatory compliance and enforcement defense, hazardous materials handling, and permitting
- Water permitting and state and federal regulatory compliance counseling, including POTW regulatory compliance
- Advising on underground and aboveground storage tank releases and defense of UST appeals
- Siting and permitting of pollution control facilities for a wide variety of industries, including livestock operations
- Emissions trading negotiations, agreements, and regulatory approvals
- Property and asset transactions, including evaluating Phase I, II, and III environmental site assessments, transferring permits and notifications to regulators, identifying and finding solutions to environmental conditions, drafting and negotiating contractual provisions, consulting on site remediation, and securing deed restrictions and other institutional controls to expedite cleanups
- Participating in environmental regulatory development and securing regulatory relief
- Asbestos abatement and remediation counseling
- Private claims based on environmental issues, including common law claims regarding trespass, nuisance, negligence, and cost recovery and contribution

Regulators Know Us

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 Pollution Control Board
- Illinois Legislature
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management

We Know the Law

We have extensive experience in issues related to these federal and state laws and their accompanying 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)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
- Illinois Environmental Protection Act
- Missouri environmental statutes
- Indiana environmental statutes

We Represent Clients With Needs Like Yours

Our clients include:

- small and large industrial companies
- electric and water utilities and electric generators
- mining interests
- agricultural cooperatives and livestock operations
- landfills and clean construction or demolition debris (CCDD) fill operations
- municipalities
- individuals
- property developers
- environmental consultants
- lenders
- business and trade associations

Related Practices

- Class & Mass Tort Actions
- Construction
- Premises Liability