



Alec Messina spearheads the firm's Government Affairs practice group. He also works with clients in HeplerBroom's Environmental Practice Group.

As head of the Government Affairs Practice Group, Messina:

- advises clients on administrative, regulatory, and legislative matters in the environmental, energy, natural resources, agriculture, and administrative law areas before the Illinois General Assembly and units of state and local government
- assists clients in developing strong relationships with key decision makers and advocates effectively on behalf of their interests
- helps craft innovative solutions to clients' important problems and issues

As part of the Environmental Law Practice Group, he:

- counsels clients regarding compliance with various state and federal environmental laws and regulations
- advises clients in all phases of environmental permitting and enforcement matters, as well as in regulatory relief proceedings

Messina has 20 years of experience in environmental law, policy development and implementation, and legislative advocacy. He has worked closely with corporate senior executives, law firms, consultants, lobbyists, government affairs staff, and business development organizations to secure the necessary environmental permits and other authorizations for companies expanding in or relocating to Illinois. He also has vast experience testifying before the Illinois General Assembly on the impacts of energy and environmental legislation and policy matters.

Prior to joining HeplerBroom, Messina served as the Director of the Illinois EPA. He also served as Policy Adviser for Environment and Energy in the Office of the Governor, where he oversaw policy development and implementation for six state agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Commerce Commission, Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Pollution Control Board, and Illinois Power Agency.

Before joining the Governor's Office, Messina worked as Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group, a company-based association with the primary mission of influencing the development of policy, regulatory, and legislative environmental matters in Illinois. In this role, he worked closely with plant managers, environmental professionals, and government affairs staff for company-members of the association, as well as companies affiliated with numerous business and trade groups. He has also served as Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois EPA, General Counsel for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and various other positions inside and outside of state government.

Messina enjoys seeing live music, going to baseball games, and spending time with his four children.

Practices:

- Environmental
- Government Affairs

Education:

- Southern Illinois University School of Law, J.D., 1998
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, B.A. in Political Science, 1995

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois

Professional Associations

- Other Professional/Civic Involvement
- Illinois Chamber of Commerce Energy Council
- Executive Director (2019-2025)