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LaDonna Driver concentrates her practice in the area of environmental law involving air emission issues. She works closely with clients and technical consultants to understand facility processes and determine the appropriate application of regulatory and permit requirements to those processes. Her clients regularly benefit from her extensive experience with:

Environmental Statutes and Regulations

- Counsels clients on federal and Illinois compliance requirements for air emission issues.
- Advises clients as to ongoing developments in statutes and associated regulations governing air emissions.
- Assists clients in analyzing and responding to the impacts of changes in air emission requirements.

Environmental Permitting

- Advises clients in air construction permitting, including New Source Review.
- Consults with clients in all levels of air operating permits.
- Assists regulated entities in preparing permit applications and negotiating permit terms and conditions with the Illinois EPA

PRACTICES

Environmental

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

EDUCATION

- Southern Illinois University Carbondale, J.D., magna cum laude, 1994
- Rhodes College, B.A. in Biology, 1990

Bureau of Air.

- Counsels clients in implementation of permit and regulatory requirements governing air emission issues, including preparation of compliance and deviation reports.

Compliance and Enforcement

- Consults with clients in compliance investigations and pre-enforcement processes regarding air emission matters.
- Assists with enforcement proceedings involving air issues.

Ms. Driver was previously a partner with the environmental law firm Hodge, Dwyer & Driver, which merged with HeplerBroom in 2016. In her spare time, she enjoys singing in her church's choir and serving on the church altar guild.

Honors

Honors & Awards

- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2009-2025)

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

Ms. Driver has conducted numerous presentations regarding state and federal environmental legislative and regulatory developments and impacts, as well as strategies for preparing for new environmental laws and regulations. She has also conducted several presentations on air permitting, compliance, and enforcement considerations regarding air requirements.

AUGUST 27, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Driver Updates Industry on Possible Illinois Energy Legislation and Air Permitting Issues