

California Environmental Practice



King & Spalding's Environmental & Toxic Tort group is internationally recognized as one of the largest and most respected practices on the West Coast. With more than 27 environmental attorneys in California, the world's top companies in chemicals, consumer products, energy, infrastructure, manufacturing and transportation turn to our advice for the full range of complex environmental, health and safety issues, including cutting-edge environmental litigation and toxic tort matters. Our lawyers know first-hand how the relevant agencies operate, understand the multitude of regulations, and provide strategic solutions for our client's most sophisticated matters.

WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL & TOXIC TORT TEAM



Named in 2019 by Law360 as Environmental Practice Group of the Year for the fourth time, our team includes some of the best environmental lawyers in California, many with more than 30 years of experience as first-chair trial lawyers. We are the only environmental practice with former leaders and staff from EPA, NHTSA and the Justice Department. They leverage their government experience as former U.S. agency leaders, federal and state enforcement attorneys. And our group includes lawyers with technical backgrounds in engineering, chemistry, biology, geology, land use, environmental policy and safety.

Led by Peter Hsiao, former Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles and lead trial counsel for EPA, and Charles Correll and Fritz Zimmer in San Francisco, the West Coast team is part of our global Environmental & Toxic Tort group comprising one of the world's largest environmental and energy practices with environmental lawyers in Washington D.C., Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, New York and the European Union. We provide unparalleled depth and breadth with a national and international practice - from the most sensitive internal investigations to the most explosive criminal enforcement matters to intricate permits and regulatory negotiations.



Ranked as one of the leading firms in the U.S. for environmental law matters



Recognized as a "Best Law Firm" National Tier 1 Firm for Litigation - Environmental



Recognized as a Tier 1 firm for Environmental Law in California

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Accidents, Disasters, Chemical and Petroleum Releases, and Crisis Response
- Agriculture and Pesticides
- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Auditing and Internal Investigations
- Automotive, Engines and Fuels
- Business Transactions and Due Diligence
- Chemicals
- Coastal Development and Regulation
- Consumer Products and Green Chemistry
- Criminal Defense
- Emerging Contaminants (e.g., PFAS, ethylene oxide)
- Endangered Species and Project Siting
- Energy and Power
- Environmental Enforcement and Investigations
- Environmental Impact Reports and Statements
- Environmental Insurance
- Food and Beverages
- Hazardous Waste
- Health Care and Pharmaceuticals
- Infrastructure and Development
- International Environmental Issues
- Litigation and Toxic Torts
- Proposition 65
- Real Estate
- Regulatory Compliance and Rulemaking
- Remediation of Contaminated Property
- Water
- Worker Safety and OSHA/Cal OSHA

OUR CLIENTS

Our clients include the largest automotive, chemical, energy, and consumer product companies in the world. We represent trade associations, potentially responsible parties and groups at contaminated sites, project developers and lenders, insureds with environmental policies, dairies and agricultural clients, companies with cross-border and international operations, and government agencies. Collectively, our clients utilize our legal advice to participate in the dynamic economy of California and its new markets for clean technology, conventional and alternative energy generation and distribution, electronics, low and zero emission vehicles, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, and safer consumer products.

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Team members ranked as leaders in their fields



Four-time Practice Group of the Year



Law Firm of the Year

