

# Environmental Agenda

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With renewed focus on the environmental agenda and a broadened menu of liability, corporations and other institutions are increasingly likely to be targets of regulatory scrutiny, government investigations and even civil suits. Whether it is climate change, which President Biden has positioned as “the number one issue facing humanity”, forever chemicals, or stormwaters, companies and investors face expanding challenges to meet expectations in this critical space, or face liability.

The Biden Administration already has made clear that it will seek to apply the government’s regulatory powers in new ways to companies not traditionally expected to be the target of environmental regulators and leverage the power of agencies that historically have not focused on environmental enforcement. At the same time, states and municipalities are becoming more aggressive, in many instances creating stricter regulatory regimes than the federal government, and filing lawsuits to force changes in corporate behavior alleged to have negative environmental impacts.

King & Spalding is uniquely positioned to partner with you and face these challenges head on. We bring a multi-disciplinary perspective to our client’s advantage, drawing on our:

- Environmental, Health & Safety (“EHS”) team led by a former senior EPA official which brings an insider’s perspective to the government and helps clients navigate complex regulatory and enforcement concerns by offering a unique insight into what regulators think and what they will do next.
- Leading Toxic Tort, Environmental and Class Action litigation teams with extensive scientific and technical training who have been on the front lines of cases involving forever chemicals such as PFAS, climate change issues, and groundwater contamination for decades
- Government Advocacy and Public Policy team led

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by bi-partisan former congressional investigators and executive branch officials with a proven record of success in advancing the interests of our clients before governmental bodies and bringing depth to congressional investigations

- State Attorneys General practice with decades of experience managing and coordinating State AG investigations
- Special Matters Practice which advises clients on environmental justice and helps navigate the most challenging of investigations

If you are looking to better understand your environmental risk profile, embroiled in or expecting a governmental inquiry, or facing litigation from consumers allegedly impacted by environmental wrongdoing, King & Spalding stands at the ready to help navigate this evolving landscape.

### Cases & Deals

King & Spalding Advises Client in U.S. Climate Change Tort Litigation

*June 19, 2014*

King & Spalding Advises Government of Greece On €700 Million Oil & Gas License Agreements

*May 14, 2013*

Global Warming Litigation Goes Cold

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### Insights

**NEWSLETTER**

Focus on Forever– January 11, 2022

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*December 13, 2021*

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**CLIENT ALERT**

*November 3, 2021*

EPA's Proposed Methane Rule to Increase Regulatory Burden on "Super Pollutant"

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### Events

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

*October 1, 2021*

Peter Hsiao to Speak at American College of Environmental Lawyers Annual Meeting

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

*March 25, 2021*

Adam Sowatzka, Brian Thomas Stansbury to Speak on Webinar About PFAS Risk

**WEBINAR**

*February 4, 2021*

A Sea Change: Environmental Enforcement

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News

**IN THE NEWS**

*September 22, 2021*

Jim Bowe examines the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's proposals from several energy companies that could set a precedent for how the agency applies a bedrock environmental law to oversight of natural gas

**IN THE NEWS**

*August 2, 2021*

Tracie Renfroe and Oliver Thoma represent Motiva Enterprises in a climate change tort suit brought by the Rhode Island attorney general

**IN THE NEWS**

*February 4, 2021*

Brandt Leibe and Brian Stansbury discuss President Biden's recent climate change executive order that includes a directive for EPA and the DOJ to significantly elevate environmental justice enforcement efforts

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