

# Environmental, Health and Safety

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King & Spalding's Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) practice consists of more than 30 lawyers worldwide, recognized for their success in handling the most complicated matters arising under environmental, health, and safety laws.

Our lawyers work to understand our clients' businesses and to navigate regulatory obstacles to achieving their business goals. Top companies turn to King & Spalding's EHS practice because we know, first-hand, how agencies operate, we understand the multitude of regulations governing different industries, and we provide strategic counsel oriented to achieve practical solutions. Our group includes environmental, health, and safety lawyers with technical backgrounds—engineering, chemistry, biology, land use, environmental policy and safety—who function at the highest level of the intersections of law and science. We have significant experience partnering with clients through strategic and cost-effective counseling, negotiations, and litigation. We help clients with permitting of new projects, compliance assurance, auditing and environmental management systems for operating facilities, state and federal enforcement matters, remediation and site closure, rulemakings, transactional support, and Superfund matters.

We work to resolve issues with regulatory agencies and other interested parties through negotiation, but we stand ready to litigate when that is required, and we have decades of experience handling EHS disputes before state and federal administrative agencies and courts, from permit appeals, rules challenges, cost recovery claims and contribution actions, to citizen suits. When our clients face an enforcement action, we have an extensive bench of former US EPA and state enforcement attorneys and former federal prosecutors who are experienced on both sides of civil and criminal enforcement actions. We have defended our clients'

## Capability Lawyers



Granta Nakayama  
*Washington, D.C.*



Marcella Burke  
*Houston*



Michael R Leslie  
*Los Angeles*



Karl R Heisler  
*Chicago*



Peter Hsiao  
*Los Angeles*



Adam G. Sowatzka  
*Atlanta*

## Recognition

"Sources say: 'Excellent knowledge base with former regulators and technical experts in the environmental space.'"

LEGAL 500, 2020

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"Top Firm" in 2020 for  
France - Environment  
CHAMBERS EUROPE

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Granta Nakayama

interests in disputes involving a wide variety of issues including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, FERC, pipeline regulations, waters and wetlands issues, OSHA, and federal and state safety regulations.

#### Cases & Deals

*February 26, 2021*

King & Spalding advises Atlas Holdings on the sale of Merchants Metals LLC to The Sterling Group

*November 4, 2019*

Jack Cooper Consummates Sale of Assets in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases

*March 21, 2019*

State of Utah Achieves Litigation Wins in Gold King Mine Blowout Case

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#### Insights

##### CLIENT ALERT

*May 7, 2021*

EPA's Inspector General Recommends Review of Ethylene Oxide and Chloroprene Standards to Address Health Risks, Environmental Justice Concerns

##### CLIENT ALERT

*April 29, 2021*

EPA Ends Expedited Review for Pesticide Products Aimed at Combatting SARS CoV-2 on Surfaces

##### ARTICLE

*April 29, 2021*

Renewable Energy: The Potential of Wave Power

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#### Events

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*May 27, 2021*

Marcella Burke to Speak at Petroleum Economist Event

##### WEBINAR

*May 4, 2021*

Environmental Health & Safety Crisis Management: Legal and Technical Perspectives on Planning and Response

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*March 25, 2021*

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

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recognized as a "Hall of Famer"

LEGAL 500, 2020

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Jackie Glassman ranked in Band 1 for Nationwide, Transportation: Road CHAMBERS USA 2017

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Environmental Practice Group of the Year LAW360 2010, 2012, 2015 AND 2018

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## News

### RECOGNITION

*April 20, 2021*

Law360 Selects Nine from King & Spalding to Serve on 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards

### IN THE NEWS

*April 19, 2021*

Marcella Burke comments on President Biden's task of articulating goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a virtual climate summit this week with 40 world leaders

### RECOGNITION

*April 8, 2021*

Le Point Magazine Again Recognizes King & Spalding Among the Top Law Firms in France

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