

Environmental, Health and Safety

King & Spalding's Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) practice consists of more than 35 lawyers worldwide, recognized for their success in handling the most complicated matters arising under environmental, health, and safety laws. Our global team includes lawyers in **Washington, D.C.**, advocating for clients' interests on Capitol Hill; in **California**, assisting clients with responding to the new markets for clean energy and technology; in **Houston**, the traditional energy capital of the world and the gateway to oil & gas activity in the Gulf; in **Atlanta**, from where we can rapidly respond to incidents and crises across the Southwest and East Coast; and in **Chicago**, giving us access to the manufacturing hubs of the Midwest. Our team is further bolstered by the presence of lawyers in **Paris**, contributing knowledge of cutting-edge EU regulations and assisting our clients with worldwide operations.

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 government experience, including five former EPA attorneys, and lawyers with technical backgrounds in engineering, chemistry, biology, land use, environmental policy and safety—who function at the highest level of the intersection of law and science. The EHS team collaborates seamlessly with the firm's other teams, which collectively include over 175 former government employees.

We have considerable 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,

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Recognition

Ranked for Nationwide
Environmental Health &
Safety and Toxic &
Environmental Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2022

Ranked for Environmental
Regulatory, Litigation, and
Transactions

THE LEGAL 500, 2022

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 U.S. 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' interests in disputes involving a wide variety of environmental issues, including:

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)

We have also defended our clients' interests in disputes before a variety of agencies, including:

- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- National Transportation Safety Board
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Cases & Deals

September 20, 2023

King & Spalding Advises EDF and Masdar Consortium on the 100% Renewable, Greenfield Multi-utility Amaala Giga Project

October 16, 2020

Tellus Acquired by Netsmart Technologies

Ranked for Environmental
Law in France

CHAMBERS EUROPE, 2023

Four-time Environmental
Practice Group of the Year

LAW360

Recipient of the Crisis
Management and
Government Oversight
Award

NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL,
2021

According to a client: "The
firm consistently delivers
expert legal advice and
creates value for our
company."

CHAMBERS USA, 2021
NATIONWIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

April 8, 2024

EU Council Approves Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

ARTICLE

March 22, 2024

Règlement « Batteries » : les premières obligations applicables en 2024

ARTICLE

February 27, 2024

What Recent Setbacks In Court Mean For Enviro Justice

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

May 16, 2024

Karl Heisler to Speak at the Tennessee Environmental Network Show of the South

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

April 25, 2024

Karl Heisler to Speak at University of Hawaii

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 17, 2023

Karl Heisler to Speak at 32nd Annual Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law

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News

IN THE NEWS

April 3, 2024

Randy Mastro and Craig Carpenito counsel New Jersey in a dispute with the U.S. Department of Transportation over New York City's congestion pricing program

IN THE NEWS

March 25, 2024

Ashley Parrish, Ilana Saltzbart, Jeremy Bylund, Paige Tenkhoff and Amina Dammann advise Neste before the D.C. Circuit in a dispute with the EPA over the agency's renewable fuel blending requirements

RECOGNITION

March 14, 2024

Chambers Europe Ranks King & Spalding Among Top International Law Firms in its 2024 Guide

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