



Our attorneys have built a wealth of experience in the areas of environmental law enforcement, compliance counseling and environmental matters that arise in real estate development and commercial transactions. We help clients stay ahead of the curve by maintaining daily contact with local, state and federal regulatory agencies. We also stay abreast of rapidly evolving changes that could affect our clients.

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Purchase and Sale of Environmentally Impacted Real Estate

We regularly assist buyers and sellers of contaminated land, including locating and hiring qualified environmental consultants, oversight and review of Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments, Baseline Environmental Assessments, Due Care Plans and managing due diligence issues under Michigan's Part 201, CERCLA and other regulatory statutes.

Sustainability, Alternate Energy & Climate Change

We identify both risks and opportunities and provide counseling in the following areas:

- Renewable energy financing options and economic development incentives (grants, tax credits, tax abatements)
- Siting, due diligence, permitting of alternative energy/biofuel facilities
- Emissions allowances/regulation, trading of carbon credits, and offsets
- Incorporation of sustainability elements into real estate projects

Brownfield Financing

We have successfully assisted commercial, residential and industrial developers obtain Brownfield redevelopment financial incentives: Brownfield redevelopment grants, waterfront grants, site reclamation grants, tax increment financing, single business tax credits and Brownfield revitalization loans.

Environmental Insurance

We excel at negotiating and obtaining coverage for environmental insurance claims. We have advised clients and assisted with a variety of environmental insurance issues.

Contaminated Site Remediation

We have helped clients deal with a variety of issues arising in the remediation of contaminated sites, including the hiring and supervision of environmental consultants, negotiation and resolution of clean-up obligations, access agreements, restrictive covenants, institutional controls and negotiation with regulators regarding site closure requirements.

Land and Water Management Issues

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, we have first-hand experience in development and compliance issues concerning the Critical Dunes program, wetlands protection and soil erosion and sedimentation issues. We have helped clients resolve water resource problems, including those related to water discharge permitting and compliance with applicable regulations.

Business Transactions

In the case of large mergers and acquisitions or the sale of a single business or facility, a myriad of environmental issues can arise. We assist business clients with planning and negotiating all environmental aspects of transactions from inception to the post-transaction period.

Environmental Litigation

We have experience in a wide variety of environmental litigation including cost recovery, CERCLA, citizens suits and toxic torts. We have defended clients in administrative and judicial enforcement actions. While we seek to negotiate settlements which achieve the client's goals and minimize exposure, we are prepared to aggressively litigate in any forum, from specialized adjudicatory bodies to state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Environmental Compliance Issues

We help clients by providing advice and assistance with regulatory compliance issues. We work closely with our clients to evaluate ongoing compliance, audit and operational programs. Our team also develops environmental risk management training programs and policy manuals for our clients' use.

Underground Storage Tanks

We have substantial experience in representing petroleum wholesalers and retailers with respect to all areas of federal and state UST statutes and regulations, including state financial assurance programs, tank registration, operation, removal, reporting requirements, investigation and remediation, and UST and cost recovery issues.