

Overview

Step toe & Johnson's environmental attorneys represent clients before federal, state, and local courts and administrative boards in civil, criminal, and administrative matters, and in administrative and legislative policy setting proceedings. Our attorneys regularly represent and advise businesses on environmental policy and compliance with environmental regulations, managing environmental risks associated with their operations, navigating the permitting process with regulatory agencies, and handling disputes related to environmental issues.

We understand the importance of minimizing fines and legal sanctions related to environmental matters. Our seasoned regulatory attorneys and litigators handle environmental and commercial litigation in high-profile cases. We have extensive experience in federal appellate environmental litigation before several federal regional and district courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Our environmental attorneys possess the knowledge and experience to understand the highly technical nature of environmental and endangered species issues. This knowledge and experience are crucial to clients that are looking to navigate the complex local, national, and international environmental laws and regulations that affect their operations.

We also understand the value of taking preemptive steps to implement sustainable business practices that comply with laws and promote environmental stewardship that can lead to cost savings and an improved corporate image. Our [Environmental, Social, and Governance \(ESG\)](#) attorneys frequently help businesses with their ESG strategy and plans which are increasingly important to investors, consumers, and stakeholders.

Capabilities

- Industry and municipality compliance under federal and state laws and regulations
- Penalty and enforcement actions
- Clean Water Act Citizen Suits
- RCRA Citizen Suits
- Clean Air Act permitting and related state implementation planning
- Site remediation and planning (including Brownfields)
- Community benefits planning
- Indemnity and transactional documentation
- Emerging contaminants
- Audit and assessment planning including self audit disclosures

- Underground and aboveground storage tank management, remediation, and closure
- United States Army Corps of Engineers permitting, compliance, and enforcement under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Superfund cost recovery, allocations, and site delisting
- RCRA and hazardous and solid waste disposal permitting and enforcement
- Acquisition of drilled oil and gas wells and undeveloped leases in the Appalachian Basin
- Clean Water Act permitting, compliance, and enforcement
- Endangered Species Act consultation
- Compliance counseling under all environmental regulatory programs
- Real estate and infrastructure development
- Toxic tort litigation including asbestos
- EPCRA/CERCLA releases and reporting
- PCB and TSCA
- Oil Pollution Act (SPCC)
- Cultural Resources/National Historic Preservation Act
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Pipeline safety (PHMSA)

Highlights

- Technical and scientific degrees held by team members in engineering, environmental science, and mining
- Leadership roles in environmental/energy trade and law organizations
- Team members actively involved in shaping environmental and energy policy and in promulgating regulations and in appellate litigation
- Active relationship with state and federal government officials
- More than 30% of the team has in-house counsel or regulatory agency experience
- Attorneys licensed in IN, KY, OH, PA, VA, and WV



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