

OUR PRACTICE

Environmental Compliance, Sustainability and Green Technologies

Environmental law sometimes seems as pervasive as the air, water and land it regulates. From traditional command-and-control program compliance, to cutting-edge litigation, to emerging issues like greenhouse gases, water allocation and product stewardship, Baker Donelson's environmental lawyers partner with our manufacturing clients to help them resolve the environmental challenges they face. As leaders at the forefront of emerging environmental issues, we understand how compliance with environmental regulations is critical to our manufacturing clients' ability to operate without any interruption from state or federal environmental agencies.

With extensive experience in traditional air, water and waste programs, we work with manufacturers to streamline permitting, ensure proactive compliance and manage environmental risks and costs. Our lawyers work regularly on state and federal Superfund sites, NPDES and pretreatment permits, Title V and other air permitting, RCRA generator and TSD issues, and chemical regulation under TSCA, FIFRA and Proposition 65. We have also assisted our clients in less-traditional areas, such as licensing of new electric power plants, ISO 14001 and environmental management systems, open land preservation, corporate environmental reporting, industry environmental coalitions, environmental marketing issues, agricultural regulation, toxic tort litigation, product take-back and recycling. Other clients utilize our public policy counseling and legislative lobbying at all levels, and seek help with complex administrative processes and procedures.

When enforcement or litigation is looming for a manufacturer, our environmental trial lawyers are uniquely qualified to help. In addition to our deep and broad experience in administrative and judicial enforcement actions, our attorneys have bench and jury trial experience in federal citizen suits, CERCLA contribution, nuisance, strict liability and land use litigation. While defending class actions and individual claims in both state and federal courts, our environmental lawyers are skilled in translating complex technical and legal issues into a persuasive and successful defense.

Regulation of the environment continues to evolve, and we apply proven skills and experience to developing issues. As carbon emissions, non-point source pollution, emerging toxics and sustainability move to the forefront, our lawyers are advising our manufacturing clients on meeting and exceeding governmental standards and public expectations.

Our environmental lawyers often rely on their colleagues' or their own experience in engineering, state law enforcement, the Department of Justice, the Department of Agriculture, Federal Bureau of Investigation, EPA, environmental consulting, government contracting, state environmental agencies, and state and federal courts. Whatever environmental challenges manufacturers face in the 21st century, Baker Donelson brings a wealth of practical experience, technical proficiency and mature judgment to finding realistic solutions.