



Environmental

Hinshaw's Environmental Service Area conducts a broad-based and sophisticated national practice that covers the field of environmental law. We help businesses and individuals resolve complex environmental problems and develop comprehensive plans to manage environmental activities across multiple locations. We likewise represent clients in federal and state courts, and before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state administrative bodies.

Clean Air Act

Our environmental attorneys provide pragmatic, sound counsel on permitting and rulemaking issues, in negotiated disclosures, and in response to agency investigations, administrative enforcement and litigation related to the Clean Air Act. We routinely assist with enforcement defense in both administrative and court settings.

Clean Water Act

We counsel clients on the full range of federal and state water quality protection issues involving wetlands and water discharges, resources and usage. Beyond defending businesses accused of legal violations or subject to enforcement actions or civil suits, our talents include providing assistance with crafting strategic planning activities, developing pollution prevention plans, negotiating and resolving wetland- and permitting-related matters.

Environmental Litigation

We represent clients in federal and state environmental litigation in jurisdictions across the United States. This includes providing counsel in civil and criminal environmental enforcement cases, and in actions involving brownfields, coastal zone management, indoor air quality, OSHA rules, surface mining laws, toxic torts and underground storage tank rules.

Greenhouse Gas, Energy Supply and Climate Change Regulation

Hinshaw's environmental attorneys are in the forefront of lawyers nationally in dealing with the challenges of climate change law and related energy and environmental regulations. We understand the science issues and can advise clients on GHG reporting needs, defend claims of harm from greenhouse gas emissions, and counsel on credits, allotments, offsets and permitting. We also are experienced in siting issues for alternative energy sources, such as wind farms. Our team follows closely the progress of legislation and the regulatory

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developments in this emerging area of environmental and energy law.

Indoor Air Quality

Construction and design professionals, managers and property owners, manufacturers and others rely on Hinshaw for representation in the full range of environmental actions related to structural interiors and structural integrity. Our vast experience includes handling matters involving asbestos, claims for disability accommodation, construction defects, mold, personal injuries and "sick buildings." Keen to preempt problems for our clients, we also help businesses assess risks and draft Indoor air quality management plans.

National Security Issues

At Hinshaw, we have considerable experience helping businesses comply with environmental laws that, in the post-9/11 world, have national security components. Specifically, our environmental attorneys have assisted clients with: understanding the impact of new legislation; developing internal risk identification and response programs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security registration and reporting requirements for sensitive manufacturing and other operations; and properly handling competing requirements that require and prohibit public disclosures.

Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA)

Our talented employment and environmental attorneys provide comprehensive counsel and representation on federal and state employment-related health safety and security issues to varied businesses. We commonly assist our clients with crafting disaster responses, complying with OSHA inspections and citations, developing compliance programs, and meeting required workplace standards and reporting requirements.

Real Estate, Brownfields and Site Remediation

We provide sensible representation in matters concerning contaminated buildings, groundwater and soil. Specifically, our environmental attorneys have experience with asbestos, explosive gases, hazardous waste disposal and leaking underground storage tanks, among other issues. We also help our clients evaluate remediation alternatives; resolve clean-up related matters; address site contamination; and, where possible, eliminate uncertainties and potential liabilities involved in buying property.

Siting, Land Use & Natural Resources

Attorneys in our Environmental and Real Estate Service Areas counsel clients on a broad range of facility siting, land use and natural resources issues. We have experience assisting businesses with, among other activities: permitting; the building of new plants and plant expansions; federal and state agency decisions under NEPA and state counterpart laws and the related environmental impact analysis and review process; mining; and energy resource development.

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Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

We provide businesses with prudent advice on the full range of federal and state matters relating to waste management; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) compliance and enforcement; and underground storage tank removal procedures. We are especially familiar with waste issues in the chemicals, general manufacturing, mining, and oil and gas sectors. This enables us to better assist clients in interpreting waste minimization and use/reuse recycling provisions of the RCRA regulations.

Superfund and SARA

Our environmental attorneys provide wide-ranging counsel on matters related to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Specifically, we advise on cost recovery actions and clean-up orders; respond to governmental information requests; negotiate consent decrees or administrative orders regarding site study and cleanup; monitor the remedial investigation/feasibility study process; prosecute cost recovery claims; and select and manage technical consultants and experts.

Toxic Tort Defense

Nationally recognized as leaders in defending businesses in multidistrict and class action toxic tort cases, we have decades of experience in litigating the health and property effects of biological and chemical substances. For several of our clients, we serve as national or regional toxic tort defense counsel. These matters often have a major business-related impact. Understanding this, we implement budgeting, communications and cost-containment criteria designed to enhance our efficient and skilled representation.

News

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[Experienced Litigator Michele Hale DeShazo Joins Hinshaw in New Orleans](#)

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[Law360 Reviews: Top Insurance Cases in 2023 and Trends to Watch in 2024](#)

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[Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey](#)

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[In the Media: Colleen Jarrott Discusses ExxonMobil's \\$60-Billion Agreement to Buy Pioneer Natural Resources](#)

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[Colleen Jarrott Discusses Proposed Revisions to Oil and Gas Leasing Rules](#)

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[Hinshaw Partner Daniel McGrath Elected to Board of Directors of the FDCC](#)

August 19, 2021

[Civil and Commercial Litigator Ira Gonzalez Joins Hinshaw as a Partner in Miami](#)

February 27, 2020

[Art Laplante Profiled in Daily Business Review: a Lawyer Who Shows No Sign of Slowing Down](#)

January 7, 2019

[Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2019 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)

November 1, 2018

[Hinshaw's Rockford Seminar Series](#)

October 9, 2017

[Rick Porter and Peggy Crane Author Environmental Law Compliance Chapter in Health Care ERM Handbook](#)

January 24, 2017

[Thirty Hinshaw Lawyers Named to 2017 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®](#)

August 15, 2016

[Richard Porter Quoted in Article Discussing Lawsuit Opposing Macon County \(Illinois\) Wind Farm](#)

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[Thomas Lupo Discusses Court Decision Addressing Reversal of Decision to Uphold Divisibility Defense](#)

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May 8, 2015

[Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Receives Several Tier One Rankings in Multiple Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers 2015](#)
November 3, 2014

[Twenty-Two Hinshaw Lawyers Chosen as Best Lawyers in America 2015](#)
August 19, 2014

[Seventeen Hinshaw Lawyers Chosen as Best Lawyers in America 2014](#)
November 1, 2013

Events

[Bessie Daschbach to Present on ESG Legal Challenges and Opportunities at the Annual Symposium of the North Carolina Journal of International Law](#)
April 5, 2024
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

[Hinshaw Partners to Present at the Global Access Annual Conference 2024](#)
March 12-14, 2024
London, U.K.

[Colleen Jarrott to Present on International Liability Issues for Transnational Carbon Capture and Storage \(CCS\) Projects at the ABA's Houston Energy Conference](#)
February 29, 2024
University of Houston (Conrad N. Hilton College), Houston, Texas

[Bessie Daschbach to Speak on Climate Risk Management](#)
May 25, 2023
Hogan Lovells, Washington, D.C.

[Third Annual Sea Level Rise & Climate Change Conference](#)
Digging for Sea Level Rise Solutions: The Economic Effects of Sea Level Rise on Corporate Decision-Making
April 4, 2019

[Hinshaw Sponsors Luncheon at DRI Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar](#)
March 15, 2019

[Responding to Environmental Regulatory Uncertainty: What Businesses Need to Know to Stay Ahead and Profit](#)
April 18, 2018
Hinshaw, Rockford Office

[Harvey Sheldon to Present on Solar Photovoltaic Energy Developments on Superfund Sites](#)
June 12, 2017
610 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60605



[Dan McGrath to Moderate Program at DRI's Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar](#)

March 24, 2017

Live Seminar

[Harvey Sheldon to Present on Clean Air Act](#)

August 17, 2016

Webinar

[Harvey Sheldon to Present on Riparian Rights and Access to Surface Water](#)

June 29, 2016

Marriott Naperville: 1801 North Naper Blvd., Naperville, IL 60563

[Harvey Sheldon to Present at Illinois Wetlands Law and Compliance Conference](#)

June 2, 2016

Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532

[Charles Helsten to Present on Toxic Substances Control Act Modernization Bill of 2015](#)

January 20, 2016

Webcast

[Harvey Sheldon to Present at Lake County Bar Association on Environmental, Health and Safety Due Diligence in Real Estate Transactions . . . Insights Into How to Serve a Buying or Selling Client; and Environmental Issues in Business Sales and Acquisitions](#)

November 16, 2015

Lake County Bar Association, 300 Grand Avenue, STE A, Waukegan, IL 60085

[James M. Hofert to Present During National Business Institute Video Webcast](#)

October 22, 2015

Webinar

[Scott Seaman to Speak on Environmental Coverage Issues](#)

July 8, 2015

Publications

[Significant Supply Chain Implications as Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council Issues Sustainable Procurement Rule](#)

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ESG Business Insights

[Supreme Court Upends Current Wetlands Determinations Under the Clean Water Act](#)

July 12, 2023

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[U.S. EPA Publishes Final Rule Updating the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Standard Under CERCLA](#)

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[Louisiana Takes Major Step Towards Administering Class VI Geologic Wells for Carbon Sequestration Use](#)

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[Illinois Joins a Host of States to Reduce and Later Ban the Use of PFAS in Firefighting Foam](#)

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[OSHA Guidance on Preparing to Return to Work Includes Recommendations for White Collar Businesses](#)

May 18, 2020



Insights for Employers

[U.S. EPA Issues COVID-19 Enforcement Policy](#)

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[Illinois EPA Opens First Round of Funding for Projects Related to the VW Settlement](#)

September 13, 2018

[Four Things Manufacturers, Distributors and Retailers Need to Know About Proposed Revisions to California Proposition 65](#)

January 27, 2015

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[U.S. EPA: We Need Tougher Ozone Standards](#)

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[UPDATE: Revised All Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule Published](#)

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[Revised All Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule](#)

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[New Illinois Act Establishes Comprehensive Regulatory Regime Governing "Fracking"](#)

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[Supreme Court Rips Clean Water Act](#)

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[More Than 3,000 Illinois Small Sources Get Air Permit Break From the State](#)

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[U.S. EPA's Proposed Recycling Rules Change Will Affect Numerous Manufacturing and Scrap Processing Companies](#)

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[USEPA Considers Troublesome New Air Quality Standards for Ozone](#)

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[U.S. Supreme Court Puts Carbon Dioxide Control Issues in EPA's Hands](#)

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[California Proposes Green Chemistry Regulations for Public Comment](#)

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[USEPA Hits Home Builder With \\$1 Million Penalty for Permitting and Storm Water Runoff Violations](#)

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[SEC Issues Staff Guidance on Required Climate Change Disclosures](#)



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[EPA Proposes More Restrictive Ozone Standards](#)
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