



Alexander J. Bandza has a broad-based environmental and energy litigation and counseling practice. Clients and colleagues alike appreciate his manner of doing business – a combination of easygoing approachability with a relentless focus on practical outcomes – when handling their most sophisticated and complex matters.

Alex defends toxic tort and wrongful death claims arising out of alleged environmental and workplace exposures; CERCLA, RCRA and common law claims arising out of alleged environmental contamination; and OSHA citation and enforcement actions arising out of alleged workplace harms or exposures. He also counsels clients in evaluating and responding to alleged environmental misconduct in federal criminal investigations.

Alex is acutely aware of the challenges that can arise for clients in need of resolving a dispute. Because of that, he is attentive to particular facets of litigation, including time, cost and exposure, that can have an impact when and if litigation is the necessary course of action.

Additionally, Alex has significant experience before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including several matters under the Federal Power Act specific to renewable energy, distributed generation, energy efficiency, reactive power, and energy transmission. He also advises on the energy regulatory-related aspects of corporate transactions, especially in the private equity space.

Beyond assisting with disputes, Alex works with clients on the environmental and workplace health and safety issues in the context of corporate transactions and advises on environmental and consumer product regulations, including warnings and notices under California's Proposition 65.

Alex has an active pro bono practice, litigating matters of pressing public concern to Illinois and throughout the Midwest, specifically in support of environmental nonprofits and health justice advocacy groups.

Before entering law school, Alex worked with Exponent, Inc., a scientific

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, (J.D.), six-time American Jurisprudence Award and two-time Prosser Prize recipient, 2013

Stanford University, (B.A.), economics, interdisciplinary honors in environmental science, technology and policy, 2008

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Climate Change
Environmental
Environmental, Social and Governance
European Services

INDUSTRIES

Renewable Energy

consulting firm, where he conducted economic and statistical analyses in support of expert witnesses in economics, statistics, epidemiology, and toxicology.

Professional and Community Involvement

Vice chair of membership, former chair and former vice chair of electronic communications,

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources' Constitutional Law Committee

Vice chair of membership, American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources' Science and Technology Committee

Founding member and board secretary, The Associates Committee (California NFP)

Board member, Young Professionals in Energy (Chicago) Board

Board member, Legal Council for Health Justice Board

Co-chair, Berkeley Law Alumni Group-Chicago

Former adviser, PracticePro LLC's Diversity Scholar Program

Honors

American College of Environmental Lawyers, First Place, Stephen E. Herrmann Environmental Law Writing Contest for "Epidemiological-Study Reanalyses and Daubert: A Modest Proposal to Level the Playing Field in Toxic Tort Litigation," 2013

Society for Risk Analysis, Best Student Paper Merit Award for "Modeling the Transition from Enhanced Oil Recovery to Geologic Carbon Sequestration," 2007