



Paul Drucker has a broad and varied practice encompassing high-profile environmental and business litigation, appeals, sophisticated transactional work, complex internal investigations, and regulatory compliance matters and settlements. Paul's ability to streamline complex problems, develop understandable and practical solutions, understand business objectives, and obtain successful results in contested matters is highly valued by the firm's clients.

Paul is a member of the firm's nationally recognized Environmental Law Department, the Litigation Department, and the Appellate Practice Group. Clients such as major utilities, oil companies, pipeline operators, steel manufacturers, aerospace suppliers, wastewater treatment plants, industry trade groups, and private equity firms call on Paul to help solve their disputes, advise on transactions, and ensure they are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

His environmental work includes complex litigation and appeals involving the CWA, CERCLA, RCRA, CAA and other federal and state environmental statutes, as well as common law; addressing environmental issues in real estate and business transactions; conducting internal investigations regarding environmental release incidents; counseling on crisis situations, incident management, and compensation programs; interacting with state and federal regulatory agencies; negotiating settlements and consent decrees; and advising on regulatory compliance, environmental remediation projects, redevelopment of contaminated sites, release reporting policies, and permitting issues.

As the founder and leader of the firm's Pipeline Practice Team, Paul advises major oil companies and pipeline operators regarding pipeline siting and installation, integrity management issues, pipeline safety regulations, leak response, crisis management, environmental remediation and investigations into pipeline and refinery incidents. He interacts with PHMSA, USCG, EPA and other state and federal regulatory authorities regarding response activities, legal claims, and environmental impacts arising from pipeline and refinery releases. He also advises on carbon capture and sequestration projects and is conversant with state and

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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, (LL.M.), environmental law, with distinction, 2002, CALI Award for best paper in Natural Resources Law Seminar

DePaul University College of Law, (J.D.), Dean's Scholar (all three years), Dean's List, 1999

University of Kansas, (B.A.), 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

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

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Southern

federal requirements in this emerging area.

As a litigator and appellate practitioner, Paul has handled numerous business litigation matters involving contract, product liability, fraud, toxic tort, and related disputes. Paul's substantial experience in motion practice includes dispositive motion writing and oral argument in state and federal courts throughout the country. He also regularly drafts federal appellate briefs in various circuits and has submitted briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court that have received national media attention.

Paul also provides advice on general business matters and litigation avoidance. Among other things, he helps clients with contracting policies, business development goals, issues arising under the Freedom of Information Act and similar state laws, facility audits, and self-disclosures. Paul has developed and presented training programs to corporate client teams and in-house counsel regarding internal investigations, root cause failure analysis, due diligence issues, and various regulatory compliance topics.

Paul's deep experience in litigation, transactional work, and regulatory counseling is appreciated by the firm's clients for the comprehensive perspective he brings to the table.

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Paul practiced environmental law and complex commercial litigation at Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago.

Professional and Community Involvement

Guest lecturer, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management MBA program and Illinois Institute of Technology Master of Architecture Graduate Program, environmental issues in corporate and real estate transactions

Pro bono representation: Obtained reversal of several coverage decisions for cancer patients in need of bone marrow/stem-cell transplantation whose health insurance providers had denied coverage for such transplants by claiming that the treatment was "experimental or investigational" or "not medically necessary," among various other justifications.

Pro bono representation: Advised two separate homeless service organizations on contracting issues to benefit their provision of services.

Veteran ice hockey referee, USA Hockey, achieved Level 4 certification (the highest level available). Officiates youth, high school, AAA and ACHA college hockey, as well as USA Hockey National Championship tournaments.

District of Indiana

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Administrative

Appeals and Critical Motions

Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution

Brownfields and Environmental
Transactional Diligence

Commercial Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Crimes and Investigations

Environmental Litigation

Litigation

Logistics and Transportation

Pipelines

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Toxic Substances and Other Torts

Waste Management

Water