



E. Sean Griggs advises on litigation and regulatory matters pertaining to environmental issues and actions brought by private parties and government agencies. He advocates client interests vigorously before administrative agencies, in state and federal trial courts, and before appellate tribunals. Sean is valued for his ability to find solutions that are not always traditional or obvious.

Sean's litigation practice includes the defense and prosecution of actions arising under federal and state environmental statutes, toxic tort cases, CERCLA and UST disputes, civil penalty proceedings, appellate practice and FIFRA arbitration proceedings. He also advises on regulatory matters affecting businesses, property owners and permit holders, as well as on issues affecting property transfers and business transactions.

Sean worked as a chemical engineer in the organic and specialty chemicals industry prior to the law. Working hands-on as an engineer trained Sean to be solutions-oriented and committed to finding the right result. Sean's industry experience made him a practical adviser who is not only conservative with his client's budget, but also more sensitive to their business practices and operations imperatives.

Sean takes a big picture point of view from the onset of each representation, identifying what must happen to realize a satisfactory outcome for his client and then finding a streamlined path to achieving that result. Clients and colleagues alike appreciate that Sean is direct and can be counted on to deliver legal counsel that makes financial and business sense.

Helping people to achieve their goals drives Sean's personal motivation and service to those he represents. Realistic and pragmatic, Sean is appreciated for his candor and is not daunted by the prospect of straight talk in the event his client's position is untenable, giving them options to avoid a potentially prolonged and painful litigation that has little chance of meeting the client's goals. Sean occasionally serves as an expert witness regarding the proper apportionment of cleanup costs and the reasonableness of legal fees.

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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Indianapolis, (J.D.),
magna cum laude, 1994, associate
editor of the Indiana Law Review

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology,
(B.S.), 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

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

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

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Air Quality

Brownfields and Environmental
Transactional Diligence

Environmental

Environmental Litigation

Litigation

Pipelines

Remediation, Corrective Action and
Voluntary Cleanups

Toxic and Hazardous Materials -
Domestic and International
Requirements

Sean is a registered civil mediator.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Member, American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Member, United Way Key Club
- Board member and former treasurer, Wabash Valley Christian Youth Camp

Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America, 2008-2024
- Indiana Super Lawyers, 2012-2019
- Chambers USA, 2023

Waste Management
Water

INDUSTRIES
Energy and Utilities