

With a practice that is national in scope, Bruce White has more than 35 years of experience in the litigation, arbitration and mediation of environmental disputes and administrative permitting and enforcement proceedings. In recent years, Bruce has developed in-depth knowledge and experience in the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) space.

Regardless of the difficulty or complexity of the matter, Bruce is dedicated to being client-focused and solving problems as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

Bruce represents industrial and commercial businesses and governmental entities in Superfund, RCRA/HSWA, TSCA, CWA, CAA and NEPA matters. He also advises on compliance with federal and state regulations and insurance coverage for environmental claims. Bruce's practice involves litigating and negotiating settlements for various complex environmental issues, including Superfund sites, multiparty litigation and commercial disputes. Bruce also offers substantial experience in arbitrating and mediating environmental claims.

In addition, Bruce helps clients understand the environmental aspects of corporate and real estate transactions, including due diligence, environmental audits, compliance with regulatory requirements, and potential legal exposure for environmental matters. He also has extensive experience negotiating contractual provisions for allocating responsibility for environmental liabilities, and in identifying means to minimize parties' environmental risk.

For the past several years, Bruce has devoted a substantial portion of his practice to development of the firm's ESG initiatives and is a frequent writer and speaker on ESG topics.

Passionate about the law, Bruce's commitment to clients, understanding and addressing their issues and helping them achieve their goals and objectives, has been Bruce's focus since he started practicing law.

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, (J.D.), 1978

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, (B.S.), highest distinction, 1973

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, (B.A.), highest distinction, 1973

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

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

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Brownfields and Environmental Transactional Diligence

Commercial Litigation

Construction

Environmental

Professional and Community Involvement

Pro bono counsel, officer and trustee, North Shore Congregation Israel (NSCI)

Trustee, Endowment Trust of NSCI

Pro bono counsel, American Conference of Cantors (ACC)

Honors

Elected fellow, American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL)

Chambers USA, Environmental, 2004-2023

The Best Lawyers in America, environmental law, 2006-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2015

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating

Illinois Super Lawyers, 2007-2017, 2020-2024

Environmental Litigation

Environmental, Social and Governance

Insurance Recovery and Counseling

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Pollution Liability Insurance

Remediation, Corrective Action and Voluntary Cleanups

Waste Management