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PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental Litigation

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings
College of the Law
University of California at Berkeley

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

California State Bar
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the Central
District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of California
U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of California

BRIAN L. ZAGON
PARTNER



Professional Background

With almost three decades of experience, Brian Zagon assists clients in the environmental counseling, environmental litigation and insurance coverage arenas. Since 2008, he has represented oil and gas clients on a regular basis. Brian's experience consists of representing clients in environmental litigation matters in federal and state court, including defense against contamination claims and affirmative cost-recovery claims. He also has experience resolving multi-party cases brought under CERCLA, RCRA, the California Health and Safety Code, the California Water Code, and other federal and state environmental laws. In addition, Brian has assisted clients with planning site investigation work, and cost-effective cleanup solutions and cost-recovery. In the oil and gas sector, he has helped clients with matters involving business disputes, contractual indemnity obligations and insurance coverage for environmental and contractor disputes.

Representative Experience

- Representing clients in environmental litigation matters in federal and state court. Work includes defense against contamination claims and affirmative cost-recovery claims.
- Resolving multi-party cases brought under CERCLA, RCRA, the California Health and Safety Code, the California Water Code, and other federal and state environmental laws.
- Planning site investigation work, cost-effective cleanup solutions, and cost-recovery.
- Representing clients in environmental regulatory proceedings before USEPA and California agencies.
- Representing oil and gas clients in matters involving business disputes, contractual indemnity obligations and insurance coverage for environmental and contractor disputes.
- Counseling on a variety of environmental, contractual indemnity and insurance coverage issues.

Government Service

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
Extern Law Clerk to the Honorable John P. Vukasin

Awards and Honors

Super Lawyers

Environmental Litigation, Northern California, 2008-2018

Articles and Presentations

- Speaker, "Managing Risks Starts and Ends with Knowing Your Client" - 2013 International Conference on Groundwater, National Ground Water Association, 01/01/2013