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PRACTICES

Air
Litigation & Investigations

EDUCATION

George Washington University
School of Law
University of California, Irvine

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

California State Bar

PAUL LIBUS

ASSOCIATE

Professional Background

Paul Libus represents vehicle and engine manufacturers on a variety of environmental issues before federal and state agencies, with particular emphasis on the Clean Air Act (CAA). With regard to the CAA, his focus includes compliance with emissions and on-board diagnostics (OBD) regulations, the allocation of state and federal regulatory authority, investigating compliance issues, and assisting clients in enforcement proceedings before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

During his final year at the George Washington University Law School, Paul clerked for the Vehicle and Engine Enforcement Branch of the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, where he worked on enforcement actions involving aftermarket defeat devices, proceedings before the Environmental Appeals Board, and self-disclosure matters.

Representative Experience

- Experience with various Clean Air Act mobile source issues, including aftermarket tampering and defeat devices, imports, and federal preemption.
- Drafted litigation-related documents, including: sections of administrative appellate briefs, DOJ case referrals and waiver requests, consent agreements, and pleadings in judicial and administrative proceedings.
- Conducted legal research and wrote memoranda on state and federal enforcement-related issues in Title II of the Clean Air Act.
- Researched and briefed management on state tampering and defeat device prohibitions to identify potential enforcement partners.
- Created a training program and reference compendium for government attorneys on enforcing Clean Air Act § 203(a)(3) in the aftermarket context.
- Implemented a database to track aftermarket tampering and defeat device enforcement actions at EPA HQ, EPA regional offices, and the DOJ.

Government Service

Environmental Protection Agency, Vehicle and Engine Enforcement Branch

Honors Law Clerk, 2018

U. S. House of Representatives, Office of Earl Pomeroy

Legislative Fellow, 2010

U.S. House of Representatives, Office of Dan Lipinski

Legislative Intern, 2010

U. S. House of Representatives, Office of Phil Hare

Legislative Intern, 2010

United States Senate, Office of Barbara Boxer

