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Environmental and Natural Resources

We have extensive experience in representing clients when environmental matters end up in court. We regularly appear before courts and administrative agencies in both civil and criminal environmental proceedings. Our attorneys have defended actions, including class actions and citizen suits, for personal injury, property damage, and cost recovery arising from alleged exposures to hazardous, radioactive, and/or toxic substances. We also have served as common counsel in Superfund cases across the country, including California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In our litigation engagements, we have addressed claims under RCRA, FIFRA, CERCLA, and other federal and state statutes, as well as common law claims for negligence, trespass, and nuisance, among others.

Our attorneys have had substantial experience both in defending civil and criminal environmental cases and in negotiating settlements of those cases. In addition, we have assisted and counseled our clients during enforcement investigations. Our attorneys also have provided guidance to clients on managing environmental misconduct by employees, responding to search warrants and civil subpoenas, and establishing and maintaining prudent recordkeeping practices.