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## ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Regulators are becoming more aggressive in seeking, and obtaining, significant penalties in civil, criminal, and administrative environmental enforcement actions. Our attorneys have substantial experience in defending clients in such enforcement actions, in cases involving air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, petroleum underground storage tanks, wetlands, and other issues. We have negotiated resolution of such enforcement actions and also have defended clients at trial in civil and criminal enforcement cases.

Our attorneys have litigated enforcement actions in state and federal courts, as well as before administrative review and appeal boards. We also assist and counsel clients during enforcement investigations and in addressing issues such as multi-media inspections, search warrant responses, prudent recordkeeping practices, and responding to environmental misconduct by employees.

Our engagements in this area include the following matters:

- Representing a client in a criminal enforcement action for alleged violations of the Ohio Hazardous Waste Laws
- Representing a large national corporation in a civil enforcement matter involving over 40 sites within Ohio