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PRACTICES

- Environmental Litigation
- Environmental Counsel
- Environmental Transactional Matters

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., with honors, 1985
- Tufts University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1981

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- District of Columbia (Pending; supervised by DC-licensed principals of the Firm)
- Illinois USDC, Central District
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Kansas USDC
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- Missouri USDC, Western District
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit (IL, IN, WI)

Peter is a nationally recognized environmental attorney who helps companies respond to major environmental incidents, navigate regulatory actions, and successfully resolve civil and criminal litigation and other disputes. He is the co-chair of Thompson Coburn's environmental group.

Cited in Chambers USA as a "strong and savvy advocate for his clients," Peter draws on 30 years of environmental law experience to pursue unique and highly effective strategies that resolve environmental issues. He is one of the region's few environmental litigators who also has extensive experience in transactions. Peter has developed solutions for clients that have dramatically reduced cleanup costs or liability, resulted in successful "no action required" determinations, and allowed for the closure or sale of previously contaminated sites. Frequently Peter's contributions have enabled a company to favorably resolve expensive litigation or put an end to decades of costly and ineffective environmental cleanups.

With first-hand experience on many of the most significant environmental incidents to occur in the Midwest over the last three decades, Peter has been named multiple times as the "St. Louis Lawyer of the Year" for environmental law and litigation by Best Lawyers. He counsels some of the country's leading companies in environmental matters, and has represented and litigated successfully on behalf of transportation concerns, mining companies, agribusinesses, chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturers, developers, and energy companies.

Peter's broad national practice includes work on CERCLA cost recovery and contribution litigation, insurance coverage litigation, and a wide variety of regulatory and compliance matters. He has worked on issues related to wetlands, groundwater issues, Superfund sites, and brownfields.

In each matter and for each client, Peter applies dedication and creativity, and works to solve problems and craft solutions that align with his client's ultimate business objectives.

Recognitions

- Named Lawyer of the Year for Environmental Law in St. Louis by "The

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- ArcelorMittal USA, Inc.
- Arch Coal
- Barry-Wehmiller Group
- Bemis Company, Inc.
- BNSF Railway Company
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis
- Colas Inc./Delta Asphalt
- Crop Production Services, Inc.
- ExxonMobil Coal USA, Inc.
- GAF Corporation & related entities
- Mallinckrodt Inc.
- Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- Missouri Employees' State Retirement System
- QuikTrip Corporation
- Special School District of St. Louis County
- Terminal Railroad of St. Louis
- US Bank, N.A.
- Waterway Gas & Wash Company

AFFILIATIONS

- Environmental Health and Safety Leaders Network, Co-Organizer and Founder
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Environmental and Conservation Law Committee
- American Bar Association, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- The Missouri Bar, Environmental & Energy Law Committee, Former Reviewer, Missouri Environmental Law, Missouri Bar Deskbook - Superfund Chapter
- Illinois State Bar Association, Section on Environmental Law
- Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
- University of Missouri

Best Lawyers in America® for 2012, 2015 and 2019

- Named "2013 St. Louis Litigation-Environmental Lawyer of the Year," The Best Lawyers in America® (Copyright 2012 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.)
- Recognized by Chambers USA and ranked "Band 1"
 - Says one source: "He can manage litigation, he can do a deal, he can solve a problem," 2017
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®
 - Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation
- Inducted as a Fellow, American College of Environmental Lawyers, 2010
- Listed in Super Lawyers Missouri and Kansas Edition and Corporate Counsel Edition
 - Recognized for Environmental Litigation
 - Named on multiple occasions as one of the top 50 lawyers in St. Louis and one of the top 100 attorneys in Missouri and Kansas
- Recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as one of the region's "top up and coming attorneys"
- Former Chairman, Environmental and Conservation Law Committee, The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Publications

- "Do you need a Section 404 permit for your real estate development?" September 2016
- "Cleaning the Carter Carburetor site to transform a neighborhood"; *St. Louis Business Journal*, August 2014
- "Chemical Safety Board investigator outlines discoveries from West Fertilizer, Charleston water incidents"; July 2014
- "Top Region 7 attorney details EPA's biggest enforcement, compliance priorities"; June 2014
- Co-Author, "Supreme Court Severely Limits Cost Recovery Options for Environmental Cleanups"; *Midwest In-House*, January 2005

Engineering Extension, St. Louis
Environmental Advisory
Committee, 1992-1997

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner,
1994-Present; Associate, 1985-
1993

COMMUNITY

- Recipient of the Boys and Girls
Club "Capture the Vision" Award,
2013
- American Heart Association,
Midwest Affiliate, Member, Board
of Directors, 2002-2010
- American Heart Association, St.
Louis Division, Chairman of the
Board of Directors, 2000-2002,
Member of Board of Director,
1996-2010
- Recipient of the Arthur E. Strauss
Award, St. Louis Heart
Association's Highest Honor,
2006
- Alumni Association Board-John
Burroughs School, 2004-2010
- Youth Emergency Service, Past
President, Board of Directors,
1976-1977