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Areas of Focus

Environmental and
Workplace Health and
Safety

Transitions in Energy and
Climate Solutions

Corporate

Hedge, Investment, and
Private Equity Funds

Post-*Chevron* Task Force



Overview

Clients turn to Steve Siros when facing significant environmental challenges. As Chair of the firm's Environmental Practice, Steve advises on everything from regulatory noncompliance matters to contaminated property clean-up to transactions involving environmentally challenged sites. He also represents clients facing personal injury and property damage claims arising from exposure or release of hazardous substances with a specific focus on emerging contaminants such as 1,4-dioxane and PFAS. Always current on environmental trends, Steve spots potential issues and crafts creative solutions often even before his clients are aware of the issue.

With 25-plus years as an environmental attorney, Steve understands the laws and regulations and potential health and safety risks posed by hazardous substances. He views problems holistically and with an eye toward the future. Leveraging his regulatory, transactional, industry and litigation experience, Steve swiftly identifies the most critical issues, recommends the course of action best suited to each client's needs and devises novel solutions to complex environmental problems.

Steve's clients are in wide-ranging industries, including chemicals, aerospace, shipbuilding, defense, energy, consumer products, food and beverage and cannabis. Steve is a recipient of the Chicago Audubon Society Award for Protection of the Environment, which recognizes those who have helped conserve, preserve and enhance the habitats and open spaces of the greater Chicago region.



First, I gain a clear understanding of my client's specific objectives and goals. Then I tailor my approach and representation to achieve them."

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Representative Matters

- Defended manufacturer in multiple lawsuits relating to alleged PFAS contamination in personal care products. Developed comprehensive strategy to rebut plaintiff's allegations regarding presence of PFAS in client's product.
- Represented manufacturing company in environmental aspects of acquisition of \$5.5 billion global chemical manufacturing company.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of global entity in multi-plaintiff personal injury toxic tort litigation alleging birth defects arising out of alleged glyphosate exposure.
- Represented defense contractor in regulatory proceeding relating to 1,4-dioxane impacted drinking water.
- Successfully represented aerospace company in RCRA citizen suit relating to allegations that a former aircraft manufacturing plant contaminated a municipal drinking water system.
- Defended NEPA challenges associated with FCC approval of satellite launches.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1994

Education

- Northern Illinois University, JD, *magna cum laude*, 1994
- Illinois State University, BA, 1991

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1994

- US District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1997

Clerkships

- Hon. Lawrence Inglis, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1994-1996

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Chambers, USA*, Environment: Litigation (Illinois), 2010-2024
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Environmental, 2013-2018; 2023-2024
- *National Law Journal*, Energy and Environmental Trailblazer, 2017
- *Legal 500 US*, Industry Focus, Environment, Litigation, 2020, 2021
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Environmental Law, 2021, 2022, 2024

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Sections on Litigation and Natural Resources
- Chicago Bar Association, Environmental Section, Member, Legislative Committee
- DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar, Climate Change Litigation Task Force, Environmental Special Litigation Group Chair