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BCLP's Chicago office was established in 2001 and has seen substantial growth since early 2004. The office's attorneys assist clients on a wide variety of corporate legal needs. Lawyers in the Chicago office primarily practice in the areas of banking and finance, real estate, class actions, commercial litigation, labor and employment litigation, product liability, intellectual property, airport concessions, corporate governance and corporate transactions, commercial bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights, environmental and energy, as well as international, Federal, and state and local tax matters.

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In addition to working with local non-profit organizations, Chicago employees also serve on the boards of area organizations, colleges and universities. Our civic involvement goes a long way toward making BCLP an integral part of the Chicago community.

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PFAS Air Emissions Restrictions

When evaluating legal risk relating to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”), most businesses typically consider wastewater, groundwater, or soil impacts, not air emissions. However, state and federal regulatory agencies have increasingly considered whether PFAS in air emissions affect the environment, paving the path for future emission controls. This article outlines the legal and policy developments at the state and federal level that relate to PFAS in air emissions to help businesses mitigate risk and anticipate changes that may impact their operations.

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PFAS in Consumer Products: State-by-State Regulations

Manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products across a broad spectrum of industries are being impacted by state laws regulating the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in their products. This area is rapidly developing as states create new laws or amend existing ones, and the penalties and litigation risks for non-compliance can be significant.

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Environmental Justice Revisited

Since January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration has implemented numerous changes to federal environmental justice (“EJ”) initiatives which are expected to result in reduced permitting and regulatory burdens. While the current administration may continue to make changes to EJ policies on a federal level, it is important to know that many states still have their own EJ policies that remain enforceable. This insight discusses the following three things: provides the necessary historical context regarding EJ; outlines the recent actions by the Trump Administration; and explores some state regulations and potential ramifications for your business. It is vital for your business to stay current with these developments and to consult with legal counsel before making any changes to your operations based on the current administration's actions.

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On December 4, 2024, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) released its enforcement results for Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY 2024”), showcasing record awards of monetary relief totaling more than \$17.2 billion. The historic awards reflect the agency’s continued pursuit of misconduct charged in enforcement actions filed in FY 2023 in the digital asset space along with enforcement actions against traditional financial services firms and commodity trading houses. The CFTC’s FY 2024 robust enforcement efforts featured a focus on intermediaries, emphasizing the importance of proper registration and compliance by entities facilitating derivative transactions. Enforcement against repeat offenders intensified, reflecting a strategy of escalating penalties to deter recidivism and safeguard market integrity. Additionally, the agency expanded its attention to environmental fraud, bringing its first enforcement case...