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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Erin Brooks is an environmental attorney whose nationwide practice focuses on real estate redevelopment and renewable energy. Erin diligently works to understand her clients' businesses so that she can effectively support the proactive management of matters across all environmental areas. Clients appreciate Erin's strategic, business-forward, and creative approach to their most complicated issues.

Clients routinely engage Erin to lead responses to regulatory and enforcement actions, site investigation and remediation, transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions, compliance counseling encompassing all environmental media, and all phases of litigation. Erin

partners with corporate clients across a wide range of industries, such as food, beverage and agriculture, manufacturing, metal fabricating, and car rental and fleet management on such nationwide environmental matters.

As part of Erin's sophisticated brownfield redevelopment practice, Erin routinely represents real estate developers, investors, and sellers in all phases of transactions from due diligence, insurance procurement, and transactional negotiation, including post-closing management of investigation, remediation, and development. Erin appreciates that the early identification of key stakeholders is critical to the success of these projects. She leverages connections to build the right multi-disciplinary team and develop tailored strategic outreach.

Erin is also experienced in resolving claims asserted by governmental agencies and third parties, including high profile toxic tort litigation in state and federal courts. Erin also has substantial experience counseling and defending occupational safety and health (OSHA) matters, and she is a published author on issues affecting OSHA-regulated employers.

Erin's appreciation of business drivers is well supported by her experience working "hand in hand" with clients on corporate governance issues, such as serving as independent counsel for board committees to conduct large-scale investigations and advising energy industry clients on corporate social responsibility policies. In these capacities, she has played a critical role in evaluating potential compliance issues for the purpose of identifying and implementing proactive solutions, and appropriate remediation as needed.

Erin is actively engaged within her community and serves on the Board of Directors for Operation Food Search, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending hunger in the bi-state area through its innovative nutrition education and advocacy programs. Operation Food Search is well aligned with Erin's interest in promoting sustainability and leverages her professional experience working closely with the food and agriculture industries to promote community well-being.

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Logistics & Industrial

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS**

- *Chambers USA*, Environment (2023)
- Operation Food Search, Board of Directors
- *Chambers USA*, Environment, "Up and Coming" (2021-2022)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

## ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2013
- Missouri, 2010
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri

## EDUCATION

Saint Louis University, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Woolsack, 2010

Truman State University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Ethylene Oxide Team
- Logistics & Industrial
- ESG & Energy Transition
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Brownfields
- Citizen Suits/NIMBY
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Law
- Compliance Audits and Internal Investigations
- Cost Recovery Litigation (Superfund/CERCLA and State equivalents)
- Criminal Enforcement
- Endangered Species (ESA)
- Environmental Review (NEPA and State EIS laws)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation (HMTA)
- Hazardous Waste (RCRA)
- Insurance Counseling

- Oil Spills
- Pesticides (FIFRA)
- Reporting Requirements (EPCRA, CERCLA, Prop 65 and other state laws)
- Safe Drinking Water (SDWA)
- Solid Waste and Landfills
- Toxic Substances Regulation (TSCA)
- Transactional Work, Including SEC Disclosures
- Underground Injection Control (UIC)
- Water Rights
- Wetlands
- Mobile Source Emissions and Fleet Management
- Pubs, Clubs & Restaurants
- Sustainable Real Estate
- Financial Institutions
- Food & Agribusiness
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Environment
- Real Estate
- Health & Safety
- Finance
- Investigations
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Renewables
- PFAS Team

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

- "A Rule Old and New, Borrowed and Blue: Exxon Adapts State Punitive Liability Law to Craft New Interpretation in Admiralty," 54 *St. Louis U.L.J.* 357 (2009)

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Brownfield Listings conference, Project Empowerment Through Environmental Due Diligence, June 2019

- Moderator, Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Contaminated Property: Latest Trends, April 2019

## RELATED INSIGHTS

News

Apr 24, 2025

### **BCLP Advises AMMO, Inc. on Sale of Manufacturing Assets to Leading Ammunition Maker Olin Winchester**

News

Apr 03, 2025

### **BCLP advises Terrestrial Energy Inc. in Milestone move to become first publicly traded molten salt nuclear reactor developer**

Blog Post

Mar 12, 2025

### **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.

News

Feb 27, 2025

### **BCLP advises Caleres, Inc. in acquisition of the Stuart Weitzman brand from Coach parent Tapestry, Inc.**

Blog Post

Feb 04, 2025

### **PFAS in Soil: State Regulations**

In the absence of enforceable federal standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in soil, several states have started the process of regulating PFAS in soil themselves. These regulations have implications for due diligence, site investigations, and remediation decisions. This client alert explores the current landscape of state regulations regarding the advisory, notification, and cleanup levels for PFAS – most commonly perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (“PFOS”) and perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) – in soil.

Insights

Feb 03, 2025

### **HFC Regulation: Navigating Impacts to a Fast-Growing “Climate Control” Industry**

Climate control technology is increasingly a focal part of modern society's expectation to have sophisticated supply chains, particularly relating to perishable items such as pharmaceuticals, raw products, and food. The United States federal government and state governments have been actively working to regulate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are critical to refrigeration and the quickly evolving supply chain. This article provides a survey of United States legal obligations that may impact everyday business decisions regarding the production, use, and transport of HFCs, and what industries may expect as the regulations continue to develop and take force.

Blog Post

Jan 24, 2025

## **EPA Risk Evaluation for 1,4-Dioxane**

Blog Post

Dec 19, 2024

## **PFAS in firefighting foam (AFFF) and equipment: state-by-state regulations**

Numerous states have either enacted or proposed regulations regarding per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") present in Class B Aqueous Film-Forming Foams ("AFFF") used for firefighting, or present in firefighters' clothing and equipment. These regulations typically involve restrictions in four general areas: Discharge or Use Restrictions. These regulations usually limit or prohibit the use of AFFF in training or testing exercises, and may only allow the use of AFFF in active firefighting situations; Disposal, Storage, Inventory or "Take-back" Provisions. Some states have enacted state run programs to purchase and dispose of AFFF, usually purchasing supplies from government agencies; Notification or Reporting Requirements. When continued use of AFFF is allowed, some states have required that businesses report specific details regarding their discharge; and Limitations on Personal Protective Equip...

Insights

Dec 13, 2024

## **California indicates lenient enforcement in first year of climate reporting law**