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## **BIOGRAPHY**

John Kindschuh concentrates his practice in the field of environmental law, including regulatory compliance, analyzing emerging contaminants, and engaging in transactional counseling. He is a member of the firm's Energy, Environmental and Infrastructure Practice Group, and also works with the firm's Knowledge Management team. John has a strong commitment to representing corporate clients in multi-million dollar cases as well as to individual pro bono clients who cannot afford legal representation.

Importantly, John recently suffered from a brain injury. He is an advocate for people with head injuries, speaking over one hundred times (to date!) to various groups, such as to BCLP lawyers and staff, therapists, doctors and nurses, religious organizations, and police officers. He has been featured on the local news three times during the past few years to help to educate members of his

community. John is proud to build awareness as a member of the firm's Inclusion & Diversity Committee and was featured in [Episode 20](#) of BCLP's "Off Script Live" campaign.

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- PFAS Team

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS**

- 2023, 2024 JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards - Top 10 Author - Environment
- 2023, 2024 Best Lawyers in America
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" 2013
- Active at St. Peter Parish (Kirkwood) with retreat coordination, volunteer outreach, parish school education, and faith formation activities

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Missouri State Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Illinois, 2005
- Missouri, 2004
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

## **EDUCATION**

University of Minnesota, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004

Washington University, B.S./B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2000

Washington University, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 2000

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- PFAS Team
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Environment
- 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)
- Real Estate
- Environmental Review (NEPA and State EIS laws)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation (HMTA)
- Hazardous Waste (RCRA)
- Insurance Counseling
- International Environmental Law
- 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

## RESOURCES

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**Regarding Disability Advocacy:**

- News: Channel 4, Program regarding Returning to Work featuring “The Brain Injury Foundation of St. Louis,” April 2019; Channel 11, “The Pulse,” program entitled “Young Stroke Survivors.” May 2018
- The Missouri Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (“MSHA”) Annual Conference, 520 people, April 2019
- Meramec Community College Occupational Therapy student graduation, 250-300 people, May 2018
- Barnes-Jewish Hospital, 125 Doctors and Nurses, March 2017

### **Regarding Legal Matters:**

- “Disability Law 101” – Presentation to Fontbonne University Speech Pathologists and Students, March 2017
- “It’s Not Easy Staying Green – Special Concerns in Litigating Environmental Matters,” Presentation for Association of Corporate Counsel – St. Louis Chapter, November 2012
- St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) Energy and Environmental Council – Presentation on Water and Wastewater and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District’s Proposed Rate Increase, October 2011

## **RELATED INSIGHTS**

Blog Post

Apr 17, 2024

### **EPA Sets National Limits for Certain PFAS in Drinking Water**

Blog Post

Mar 27, 2024

### **PFAS in children’s products: state-by-state regulations**

PFAS in Children’s Products is a major focus for state legislators across the country, prompting some of the most stringent PFAS restrictions in consumer products. Thus far, eight states have enacted legislation concerning PFAS substances in Children’s or Juvenile Products (“Children’s Products”). Seven additional states have proposed Children’s Products laws, and many of these are expected to continue to move through the legislative process in future months. There are numerous key features that are generally consistent across the state laws: “Juvenile products” are generally defined as products that are intended for use by children 12 years old or younger. The prohibitions apply to “intentionally added” PFAS, which generally are PFAS added to a product to create a specific effect in the finished product. The compliance timelines are much shorter than the timelines for other types of consumer products that are...

Blog Post

Mar 06, 2024

## **PFAS in food packaging: state-by-state regulations**

In the absence of comprehensive federal regulation of PFAS in food packaging, states are dishing out their own laws. Thus far, twelve states have enacted laws addressing PFAS substances in food containers and packaging materials ("Food Packaging"), and there are fourteen proposed bills that are currently pending in numerous states. These laws are intended to address concerns that storing food in Food Packaging that contains PFAS compounds may result in increased ingestion of those PFAS substances. Related to food packaging, a growing number of states are enacting or proposing general bills involving recyclability of food or beverage packaging, but this client alert does not specifically address those requirements as these measures do not exclusively involve PFAS substances. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), commonly cited examples of Food Packaging that hav...

News

Mar 04, 2024

## **BCLP Lawyers Recognized by JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards**

Blog Post

Feb 20, 2024

## **PFAS Update: 2024 Look-Ahead**

As discussed in more detail in BCLP's 2023 federal recap client alert, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") were a major focus for the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in 2023, and 2024 will likely mark even more significant activity in the federal regulation of these compounds. While we expect a variety of actions at the federal level, this alert highlights five developments that we anticipate in 2024 will have substantial economic impacts across a wide range of industries.

Blog Post

Feb 12, 2024

## **EPA's Noncomprehensive List of PFAS Subject to the TSCA Reporting Rule**

In 2023, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") issued a final rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") which requires manufacturers, including importers, of certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") to report PFAS manufactured in the United States, or imported into the United States for a commercial purpose between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2022. The reporting system opens in November 2024, and most reports (except for small businesses) must be submitted by May 8, 2025, or 18 months after the effective date of the rule (see §705.20 of the rule). In this alert, BCLP and Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions Inc. ("Ramboll") are collaborating to discuss EPA's recent publication of a non-exhaustive list of PFAS that fall within the structural definitions, and what that means for businesses that are working towards compliance with the reporting rule.

Blog Post

Feb 07, 2024

## **2023 Federal PFAS Regulatory Recap**

Blog Post

Jan 19, 2024

## **PFAS update: EPA kicks off the new year with TSCA and TRI actions**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) started the new year by finalizing two rules involving per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”) and the Toxic Release Inventory (“TRI”). The first rule requires industries to consult with EPA before using any of the designated 329 inactive PFAS substances. The second rule adds seven PFAS substances to the list of chemicals that entities must report. The details of the new rules are below, but these actions demonstrate EPA’s continued commitment to regulate PFAS substances under a wide range of environmental laws.

Blog Post

Jan 16, 2024

## **PFAS drinking water standards: state-by-state regulations**

In the absence of an enforceable federal drinking water standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) – for the time being anyway - many states have regulated PFAS compounds in drinking water. The result is a patchwork of regulations and standards of varying levels, which presents significant operational and compliance challenges to impacted industries. This client alert surveys the maximum contaminant levels (“MCLs”), as well as guidance and notification levels, for PFAS compounds – typically perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”) and perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) – in drinking water across the United States.