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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, 2025 JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards - Top 10 Author - Environment
- 2023-2025 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 Transition
- Ethylene Oxide Team
- 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
- 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

PUBLICATIONS

- "Federal PFAS Regulation: A Changing Landscape in 2024 and Beyond." St. Louis Law Journal. (2025)

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, 2025

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.

Blog Post

Updated: Apr 11, 2025

New Mexico Bans Certain PFAS in Consumer Products

On April 8, 2025, the Governor of New Mexico, Lujan Grisham, signed HB 212 prohibiting certain PFAS substances in various consumer products. This bill (now enacted into law) establishes on specific product categories beginning on January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028. Notably, on January 1, 2032, New Mexico prohibits a manufacturer from selling or distributing any consumer product containing intentionally added PFAS substances. However, the definition of PFAS in the bill is unique in that it excludes certain fluoropolymers like PTFE from the prohibitions.

Blog Post

Mar 31, 2025

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.

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.

Blog Post

Updated: 27 Feb, 2025

EPA Guidance on PFAS in Biosolids

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 27, 2025

Energy Policies Revisited: Trump's Executive Orders

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