

Archer Gains Wilentz Environmental Transactions Expert In NJ

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Law360 (April 23, 2026, 3:52 PM EDT) -- Archer & Greiner PC has strengthened its environmental team and abilities in northern New Jersey with a new Hackensack-based partner joining from Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer PA and bringing experience in transactions with environmental issues at play.

Kathleen Hirce has joined the firm as of counsel, Archer announced in a statement on Wednesday.

Her hiring follows **Alice Shanahan** joining the firm as a partner earlier this month from Wilentz. Hirce said she has worked with Shanahan for about 10 years and already has experience working with other Archer attorneys, which makes the move a natural fit.



Kathleen Hirce

"The practice at Archer is great already," Hirce said in an interview with Law360 Pulse on Thursday. "It's nice to join a big, established group that does a wide range of issues."

Hirce brings expertise to the role in areas such as regulatory compliance, site investigation and remediation, cost recovery, environmental risk assessment, and redevelopment of environmentally affected properties, Archer said.

She advises clients on various environmental aspects of corporate and real estate transactions, including due diligence, environmental site assessments, purchase and sale agreements, liability transfers, and divestitures.

Hirce has experience with important state and federal environmental laws, such as Superfund, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, and the New York Navigation Law.

She also has a background representing clients in the petrochemical and gasoline industries, Archer said, including through a secondment she did with a large petroleum company handling complex environmental claims and investigations.

Hirce's practice also encompasses environmental litigation support, including by working with technical experts such as hydrogeologists, chemists and engineers.

She said she enjoys the variety in environmental law and the way it calls on her to constantly learn information for different matters.

"It can get very technical, which is interesting, and it keeps you nimble-minded," Hirce said.

Hirce had been a counsel at Wilentz since last year and previously worked as a partner at Duane Morris LLP and McCusker Anselmi Rosen & Carvelli PC, now known as Anselmi & Carvelli LLP. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and Seton Hall University School of Law.

Marc Rollo, the president of Archer and chair of its environmental law group, said in a statement that

the firm is excited to welcome Hirce.

"Her addition reflects the continued growth of our environmental practice and further strengthens our bench in northern New Jersey," Rollo said. "Katie brings a strong combination of technical knowledge and practical, business-focused judgment, and her experience will enhance our ability to serve clients across an increasingly broad and sophisticated range of environmental matters."

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