



Partner

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**Haddonfield, NJ**

**Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation  
Condemnation & Eminent Domain Law  
Environmental Law  
Petroleum Industry Practices

**Admitted**

New Jersey  
Pennsylvania

**Education**

University of Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts, with honors, 2001  
Washington and Lee University School of Law  
Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, 2004

Mr. Edelstein is a partner in the firm's litigation department and has been repeatedly recognized as one of the top young environmental litigators in the State by numerous publications. He currently represents Fortune 100 companies, large multinational corporations, and smaller businesses at several of the largest Superfund sites in the country. David has also handled numerous cases involving claims for natural resource damages and has extensive experience negotiating with Trustees, governmental entities and private parties. He also has significant experience representing clients in litigation brought pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and comparable state statutes. Most recently, David won dismissal of a CWA citizen suit for his client following a five-day evidentiary hearing. In addition to his litigation practice, David provides regulatory counsel to clients performing environmental remediation under federal and state law. Over the past several years, he has represented a major international corporation in negotiations with regulators and municipal governments in several States with respect to the on-going investigation of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) at several sites, and he is intimately familiar with the emerging law related to PFAS.

**Representative Experience**

- Served as lead trial counsel for a real estate developer in federal litigation concerning the multi-million dollar cleanup of TCE contamination at a former industrial property, obtaining the complete dismissal of all claims against his client after a four week trial that included claims brought under RCRA, CERCLA, the Spill Act and the common law.
- Defended individuals, small businesses and multiple Fortune 500 companies in natural resource damage litigation arising under state and federal law.
- Defended an international petro-chemical company in multi-district products liability litigation concerning the use of the gasoline additive MTBE.
- Prosecuted contribution and cost-recovery claims on behalf of a Fortune 100 company in connection with the investigation and remediation of a petroleum bulk storage terminal
- Represented a building products manufacturer in connection with sediment contamination at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.
- Represented a major chemical company in connection with sediment contamination in the Passaic River and Newark Bay.
- Represented clients in numerous multi-party negotiations concerning the closure of municipal landfills and allocation of cleanup costs at state and federal superfund sites.

- Represented a property owner in complex civil litigation concerning the condemnation and redevelopment of a former industrial property.

## **Professional And Community Involvement**

### Current Professional Organization Membership

- Master in the Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental Inn of Court.
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Camden County Bar Association

### Current Community Service

- Bucks County Red Cross Leadership Council
- Camden County Mock Trial Team Coordinator
- Yardley- Morrisville Soccer Coach

## **Awards And Recognition**

- Named a "Rising Star" by SuperLawyers Magazine for 2011-2018.
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by Chambers USA for 2017 and 2018.

## **Articles**

- "[Clean Water Act Liability for Groundwater Contamination](#)" By: [David Edelstein](#) and [Francis T. Jamison](#) | November 20, 2018 | Published in *Environmental Protection*.
- "Under the Microscope: The Use of Citizen Suits to Scrutinize Remedial Activities" *Presentation at the Chemistry Council of New Jersey's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Conference, April 27, 2015, Galloway Township, NJ*
- [Tick, Tock: Appellate Court Starts the Clock on Spill Act Contribution Claims](#), Reprinted with permission from the November 25, 2013, edition of *New Jersey Law Journal*. © 2013 ALM Media Properties, LLC. All rights reserved. Further duplication without permission is prohibited.) By: [David Edelstein](#) and [Craig Huber](#)
- Co-author, "Redeveloping the Law of Eminent Domain: New Concepts of 'Just Compensation' and Environmental Blight," Lorman Education Seminar on Eminent Domain, April 17, 2007