



# David F. Edelstein

Partner

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Environmental Law



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## Overview

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David 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. 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 a number of sites, and he is intimately familiar with the emerging law related to PFAS.

David chairs Archer's pro bono practice. In this role, he works closely with partner organizations like the Cyrus Vance Center for International Justice, Philly VIP, Volunteer UP, and New Jersey Legal Services to identify opportunities for firm attorneys to provide legal support to underserved members of the community. Under David's leadership, the firm provides an expansive scope of pro bono services that ranges from the provision of legal assistance to local, public-interest minded media outlets, to an annual expungement clinic through which eligible individuals may have criminal records expunged thereby removing potential impediments to access to employment, housing, and education, to representation of nonprofit organizations in real estate and land-use matters. In addition to overseeing the firm's pro bono activities, David has his own active pro bono practice that primarily focuses on environmental justice matters.

## Representative Experience

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- 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.
- Served as trial counsel for international chemical company during week-long evidentiary hearing that resulted in dismissal of a CWA citizen suit against his client.
- 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

- Advisory Board Member, Volunteer UP Legal Clinic
- Administrator, Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental Inn of Court
- Judge of Elections, Lower Makefield Township
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Camden County Bar Association



## Select Articles

- “USEPA Announces Drinking Water MCLs for PFOA and PFOS Will Remain in Place,” *Archer Client Advisory* (May 2025)
- “USEPA Announces Proposed Rule to Designate Two PFAS Compounds as Hazardous Substances Under CERCLA,” *Archer Client Advisory* (April 2024)
- “PFAS Rule Risks Vulnerability If High Court Trims Agency Power,” *Bloomberg Law* (November 2023)
- “USEPA Finalizes Rule Requiring Reporting of PFAS Data Under Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA),” *Archer Client Advisory* (October 2023)
- “Prepping For PFAS Approval Under EPA’s New Framework,” *Law360* (August 2023)
- “USEPA Announces Proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for PFAS Compounds,” *Archer Client Advisory* (March 2023)
- “What Companies Should Know About PFAS Compounds,” *Bloomberg Law* (September 2022)
- “Pennsylvania Proposes Drinking Water Standard for PFAS,” *The Legal Intelligencer* (March 2022)
- “Pennsylvania Latest State to Propose PFAS Water Regulations,” *Bloomberg Law* (March 2022)
- “Clean Water Act Liability for Groundwater Contamination,” *Environmental Protection* (November 2018)

## Select Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- “Recent Developments in Environmental Law: PFAS,” Camden County Bar Association All You Can CLE (December 2022)

## Recognitions

- Named to New Jersey “Super Lawyers Rising Stars” list for Environmental Litigation (2011 - 2019)

Click [here](#) for methodology.

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## Credentials

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### Education

- Washington & Lee University School of Law, JD, *magna cum laude*
- University of Virginia, BA, *Honors*

### Admissions



- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

## Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

## Areas of Focus

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### Practice

- Condemnation & Eminent Domain
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Litigation
- Natural Resource Damages & Assessments

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