



Debra S. Rosen

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Environmental Law



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Overview

Debra concentrates her practice in the area of complex environmental and toxic tort litigation, with a special emphasis on the defense of complex, multiparty groundwater contamination cases involving claims under the New Jersey Spill Act and CERCLA for cost recovery, as well as private party litigation seeking recovery for both property damage and serious personal injury. Debra has significant experience in other litigation matters, including products liability and chemical workplace exposure cases. She represents clients in both state and federal courts in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Debra also assists clients with due diligence and compliance assessments where transactions involve the purchase of property or the redevelopment of brownfields. Specifically, Debra counsels clients on environmental compliance issues with a focus on Underground Storage Tank regulations and Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA) requirements and is well-versed in the Site Remediation Reform Act, the ARRCs regulations and the Licensed Site Remediation Professional program. She works hand-in-hand with consultants and in-house client technical and engineering managers on the procurement of federal, state and local environmental and land use permits, including NPDES/stormwater, Clean Air Act and other required permits. She regularly represents clients in compliance and enforcement matters brought by Departments of Environmental Protection, and has also represented clients in matters involving emerging contaminants, including PFAS chemicals and 1,4 dioxane.

Debra serves as Co-Chair of Archer's Personnel Committee and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. She is also a founding member and Co-Chair for the Archer & Greiner Women Lawyer's Network.

Representative Experience

- Served as lead trial counsel in the defense of underground storage tank environmental contamination cases in various matters throughout the Middle Atlantic states which typically involve claims for personal injury and property damage related to groundwater contamination with amounts in controversy frequently exceeding \$1,000,000.
- Served as lead counsel for alleged generator in CERCLA action seeking recovery of costs for landfill remediation involving over 300 potentially responsible parties.
- Served as lead trial counsel in defense of third-party claims under CERCLA against landfill owner/operator.
- Served as lead counsel with respect to environmental claims against a petrochemical company at over 150 sites in ten states which involved complex hydrogeologic issues, including hydrocarbon fingerprinting and aging analysis, as well as multiple legal issues under the applicable cost recovery statutes and common law.
- Advised major petrochemical company on due diligence and environmental issues related to purchase of brownfields petroleum terminal property in New Jersey.
- Served as lead trial counsel in the defense of benzene exposure case in claimed workplace exposure to petroleum products.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Board Member, Alice Paul Institute
- Executive Vice President and Board Member, Garden State Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Board Member, Philadelphia Diversity Law Group
- Member, Environment Committee, Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey
- New Jersey Society of Women Environmental Professionals
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Camden County Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Former Co-Chair, New Jersey Society of Women Environmental Professionals
- Former Parent Representative, YMCA School's Out



Select Articles

- “NJDEP Proposes Changes to Hazardous Substance Discharge Reporting Rules,” *The Legal Intelligencer* (December 2024)
- “USEPA Announces Ban on TCE and PCE,” *Archer Client Advisory* (December 2024)

Select Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- “NJDEP Inconsistencies – Technical and Legal Implications,” Environmental Law Forum (June 2025)
- “Annual Environmental Review,” Atlantic Builders Convention (March 2025)
- “Women In Leadership: Opening the Doors & Making Connections,” Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce (March 2023)
- “Emerging Contaminants,” Environmental Law for Lawyers and LSRPs, Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education (2017-2020)
- “Implicit Bias- The Bias You Didn’t Think You Have, But You Do,” Lawline

Recognitions

- Named to New Jersey “Super Lawyers” list for Environmental Litigation (2006, 2008 - 2010, 2013 - 2017)

Click [here](#) for methodology.

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Credentials

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*
- Dickinson College, BA, *cum laude*

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
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania



Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Energy & Utilities
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Litigation
- Land Use
- Permitting & Regulatory Compliance
- Waste & Recycling

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