

Guest Speakers

Chemicals in the Americas Conference

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Chintan Amin

Senior Counsel, Corporate Law & Compliance, Bayer

Chintan has focused on environmental, health and safety issues for Bayer since joining the company in 2009. This includes product regulatory compliance, product supply chain matters, and chemicals issues in purchases and divestitures. Before joining Bayer, Chintan practiced environmental law for 11 years as an associate and partner with the Atlanta office of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP (now Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP). While at Kilpatrick, he represented clients in a variety of environmental enforcement, litigation and transactional matters. Chintan graduated with High Honors from the

University of Florida, Levin College of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the Florida Journal of International Law. He also holds a B.S. from the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Harry Dahme

Partner, Gowling WLG

Harry has practised exclusively in the area of environmental law since 1984, and has a solid reputation as one of the foremost environmental lawyers in Canada. Harry regularly advises on environmental risks in corporate transactions and advises corporations and boards of directors on the development and maintenance of corporate environmental due diligence programs. He provides ongoing regulatory advice to businesses in a wide variety of sectors and has an active advocacy practice, which includes defence to prosecutions, appeals to various tribunals, including the Environmental Review Tribunal, and civil litigation with respect to environmental claims.



Lydia Duff

Assistant General Counsel- EHS, W.R. Grace & Co.

Lydia is lead EHS counsel and advises on environmental, health, safety, and product stewardship matters globally for W.R. Grace & Co., a publicly traded specialty chemical manufacturer with 3,000 employees and diverse operations in a dozen countries. Her responsibilities include advice on regulatory compliance in all environmental media and product stewardship areas, response to legacy contamination, due diligence in transactional matters, and resolution of environmental claims.

Judi Durda

Principal, Integral Consulting

Judi is a toxicologist and ecologist with more than 25 years of experience in the health and environmental science fields. Judi specializes in using science and science-based strategies to address complex technical issues related to the manufacture, use, or disposal of chemicals, consumer products, pharmaceuticals, and hazardous and nonhazardous wastes. Her experience includes risk assessment, toxicological evaluations, forensics analysis, and regulatory compliance support under a variety of federal and state regulatory programs and in related litigation. She has conducted health and safety evaluations of chemicals present in food, beverages, and medical devices; conducted technical evaluations to support product registration of crop protection chemicals; assessed the potential human health risks from the use of veterinary antibiotics; and initiated research on the effects of consumer product chemicals on children's health. She also has extensive experience with emerging and yet to be regulated chemicals including per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS).



Carol Ellinger Haddock

Acting Director, Engineering and Construction Division, Houston Public Works & Engineering

Carol is the Acting Director of Houston Public Works, the largest Public Works Department in the United States. Houston Public Works is responsible for streets and drainage, production and distribution of water, collection and treatment of wastewater, and permitting and regulation of public and private construction. The Department has over 3,900 employees and an annual budget of \$2.3 billion. Carol has an extensive background managing capital engineering projects and programs and has worked for the City of Houston for 13 years. Carol is a registered Professional Engineer, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Rice University and has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Houston.

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Michelle Havelka

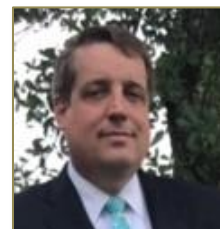
Homeland Security Coordinator, Critical Infrastructure Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Michelle is TCEQ's Homeland Security Coordinator in the Critical Infrastructure Division. Her responsibilities include managing the agency's Emergency Plans and Grants Program, Tier II Program, and Radioactive Compliance Program. She also assists with other state and federal agencies in the planning, coordination, and communication for homeland security preparedness and emergency management. Michelle provides support and advisement to local, state, and federal agencies/programs. She is the Agency's primary council member at the Texas State Operations Center and also acts as the Infrastructure Branch Director during activations. Michelle graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree and East Texas State University (Texas A&M University – Commerce) with a Master of Science degree.

David Speaker

Managing Counsel – Environmental, Health, Safety & Security, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company

David has extensive experience with enforcement and regulatory issues in all environmental media. As lead EHSS counsel for CPChem, David participates in commercial transactions, performing due diligence, drafting environmental provisions in commercial documents and advising on environmental risk allocation. He also conducts and manages internal EHSS investigations, and provides guidance and analysis on matters involving OSHA Standards. Prior to joining CPChem, David was a staff attorney at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He received his J.D. from the Texas Tech University School of Law, and his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.



Bob Stokes

President, Galveston Bay Foundation

The Galveston Bay Foundation's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of Galveston Bay and its tributaries. It has programs in advocacy, conservation, education, and research. Bob had served on the board of the Foundation for five years prior to taking over as President in 2004, and had served as the board's chair for the previous two years. Prior to joining the Foundation, Bob served as an attorney in the Environmental Division of the Harris County Attorney's Office, and before that was an associate in a Houston-based environmental law firm.

Bob is a current member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Land Trust Council. He has served on the Board of Directors for Restore America's Estuaries since 2004 and on the Governing Board of EarthShare of Texas since 2007, serving as the board chair of EarthShare of Texas from 2012-2014. Bob is a 1990 graduate of Yale University and a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Parker Wilson

Vice President of Regulatory Law, Valero Energy Corporation

Parker is responsible for health, safety, and environmental regulatory matters relating to petroleum refining. His practice involves all things air, waste, water, and safety-related, including federal and state permitting, enforcement and remediation. Prior to joining Valero in 2002, Parker spent six years as a staff attorney at the TCEQ working in the Air and Waste Sections of the Environmental Law Division. He is a graduate of St. Mary's University.



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Mark Duvall

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A former in-house counsel at a global chemical company, Mark leads the Firm's TSCA, FDA, and OSHA practice groups. He advises clients in the chemical, personal care and other consumer product sectors on enforcement actions, counseling, rulemaking, advocacy, and legislative actions. He also works with foreign counterparts to TSCA, including REACH and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Russell Fraker

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Russell's practice encompasses environmental regulatory issues associated with facilities and products, both domestically and internationally. He has significant experience with air, waste, contaminated site, biosafety, and product stewardship laws, and works primarily with clients in the electronics, pharmaceutical, agricultural products, and chemical industry sectors. Proficient in Portuguese and Spanish, Mr. Fraker has worked in several Central and South American countries. As a member of the Firm's Latin American practice group, he advises clients on regulatory issues in the region, with a particular focus on Brazilian environmental laws.



Edward Grauman

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Ed's practice focuses on high-stakes, complex commercial and environmental litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. A substantial part of his practice focuses on representing policyholders in insurance-coverage disputes and on issues of director and officer indemnification. With respect to environmental matters, Ed litigates cases arising under CERCLA, the Clean Air Act, and state law.

Paul Hagen

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Paul advises a diverse group of multinational corporations and trade associations on market access, global supply chain, and product stewardship matters in the U.S. and in key markets worldwide. Paul also counsels clients on the negotiation and implementation of regional and global environmental agreements, including the Basel Convention and the Stockholm POPs Convention. He advises companies on market access requirements for products subject to RoHS measures, supply chain communication and material ban legislation. He has helped clients successfully implement local, national and global product take-back programs in response to expanding extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation covering used electronic equipment, batteries, unwanted pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other products. Paul serves on the boards of several leading conservation non-profit organizations, including the Conservation Fund and the Chesapeake Conservancy, and serves on NatureServe's Strategic Advisors Council. He is a former board member of the Environmental Law Institute (board chair) and World Environment Center.



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Karen Hansen

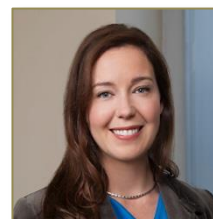
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Karen's practice focuses on the Clean Water Act and state programs for regulating and permitting water discharges and water supply/use. She has extensive experience in preparing and implementing strategic approaches to water permits for ongoing and new operations and expansions, including increasingly stringent water quality approaches and permit renewals and appeals. Karen helps clients defend government and/or third party enforcement actions and advises clients on business strategies and contracts related to water supply. She also has extensive experience assisting clients with product regulatory compliance strategies, auditing and self-disclosure under a variety of federal and state laws, and developing environmental management systems.

Lauren Hopkins

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Lauren's practice focuses primarily on global product stewardship, supply chain due diligence, and environmental advertising and marketing. In particular, she advises on a number of product-related environmental requirements including material restrictions in the U.S. and Europe and worldwide product safety regulations. She also advises on voluntary or procurement-related requirements such as eco-design and environmental certifications.



Madeleine Kadas

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Maddie brings over twenty years of experience advising multinational corporations on U.S. and international environmental matters. She is a founder of the Firm's Austin office and the Latin American practice group. Maddie represents clients on a variety of regulatory and enforcement matters under U.S. and Texas environmental laws, with a focus on air permitting and litigation matters for the chemical manufacturing and petroleum refining sectors. Fluent in Spanish, Maddie assists industrial sector clients on the full range of environmental, health, safety, and product compliance and regulatory issues in every major market in Latin America. Maddie holds an advanced legal degree from Mexico's premier law school, *La Escuela Libre de Derecho*, and has worked in the Latin American development and environmental field for nearly 30 years. Reflecting the success of the practice and Maddie's leadership, *Latinvex*, a leading Latin American business publication, recognized B&D as one of "Latin America's Top 50 Law Firms" and named Maddie one of "Latin America's Top 50 Female Lawyers" for four years in a row.

Russell LaMotte

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Russ helps global companies get their products into markets worldwide. He served for over ten years as an international lawyer at the U.S. Department of State, designing, negotiating or implementing international chemical treaties. He advises U.S. consumer products and manufacturing companies on chemicals-related market access regulations, including REACH, RoHS, and analogous national-level chemical and article import notification schemes. Russ has worked extensively on multijurisdictional projects involving complex compliance challenges for chemical products overseas.



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Bryan Moore

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Bryan Moore's practice includes a wide range of environmental matters, from waste, water, and air permitting and compliance counseling, to enforcement defense and litigation. Bryan has represented clients in federal and state courts and before various agencies in matters arising under nearly every major federal and Texas environmental program. Bryan has assisted clients in contested permitting proceedings, enforcement actions, rulemaking proceedings, and environmental audits, and represents clients in each phase of those matters.

Bina Reddy

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Bina is an environmental litigator who has handled cases in federal and state courts across the country arising under RCRA, CERCLA, CWA, and state environmental statutes, as well as common law tort claims. Bina has devoted a substantial portion of her practice to litigation under environmental citizen suit provisions, and has successfully defended numerous citizen suits under RCRA. Her RCRA experience includes litigating novel claims alleging endangerments from earthquakes and climate change related impacts. Bina also has extensive experience defending toxic tort and product liability claims, including securing the denial of class action certification.



Kathryn Szmuszkovicz

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Kathy chairs the Firm's Pesticides and Biotechnology Group. She litigates and provides alternative dispute resolution, compliance, strategic planning, and commercial services for clients who manufacture, sell, and use products regulated by EPA, USDA, FDA, DOI, DOC, and analogous state agencies under the broad range of environmental, health, and safety laws that these agencies implement. Kathy's practice focuses on the pesticide, seed, food, and consumer product businesses, for traditional products and products produced through biotechnology or nanotechnology. Examples of her work include: bringing or defending litigation where necessary to protect clients' products, projects, or practices; advising clients on strategies for obtaining federal approvals for new products or substances, defending products once they are on the market, and phasing out products for regulatory or commercial reasons; advising clients who manufacture, sell, license, or use these regulated products on government requirements and commercial transactions; defending companies against enforcement actions; proposing and commenting on regulatory and legislative initiatives; supporting acquisition or sale of particular products or businesses; and advising on stewardship and sustainability practices.

Benjamin Wilson

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Ben is an environmental litigator. He currently serves as the Court-Appointed Monitor for the Duke Energy coal ash spill remediation project, and as Deputy Monitor for Emissions & Environmental in the Volkswagen AG emissions proceedings. Ben's experience representing business and governmental clients in a variety of complex environmental disputes includes serving as lead counsel at the largest chromium site in the U.S. and working on a number of high-profile management, ethics, compliance, and investigative matters. Early in his career, he was a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Ben is a nationally-recognized authority on environmental justice, and a leader on diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. He is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Justice at the Howard University School of Law.

