Beveridge & Diamond

Texas Office

The Environmental Law Firm

Texas Presence National Bench International Reach

KEY FOCUS AREAS

Air permitting, policy and compliance

Water quality permitting

Solid industrial and hazardous waste permitting

State and federal site remediation and Superfund

Global product and supply chain counseling

Administrative proceedings and contested case hearings

EPA and TCEQ enforcement defense

Auditing and due diligence

State and federal court litigation

Insurance recovery

Latin American environmental counseling



Applying decades of experience, our Texas team helps clients manage environmental issues, develop new projects, mitigate risk, defend their interests, and maintain successful operations. Our lawyers know the landscape for business in Texas and the Gulf Coast Region and offer focused expertise and personalized, efficient service. Clients benefit from flexible fee options and seamless access to a nationwide team of over 90 environmental practitioners who provide complete coverage for matters large and small.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT ADVICE

Companies from a wide range of industries rely on our Texas office for strategic environmental regulatory counsel as well as day-to-day operating and compliance advice on air, water, and waste requirements. We monitor and participate in environmental program developments and agency initiatives, assist with rulemaking comments and advocacy, and support audit, due diligence, and compliance functions. We also help companies respond to enforcement actions. Our Texas team includes former Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and former TCEQ staff attorneys.

CITIZEN SUITS, CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS, AND LITIGATION

Dovetailing with our extensive firm-wide environmental litigation practice, we represent clients in federal and state courts in Texas on virtually all types of environmental and toxic tort disputes. We also advise clients in every phase of the contested permitting process for all media – air, water, and waste (including hazardous, municipal solid, and nuclear) – from the agency's review of the application, through the administrative hearing, and on appeal in state court.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE RECOVERY

Our firm exclusively represents policyholders in coverage disputes with insurance companies. We have recovered hundreds of millions of insurance dollars for business clients facing environmental, toxic tort, product, employment, and financial liability claims as well as other losses, including business interruption. We also advise clients on the sufficiency of their insurance and risk management programs.

LATIN AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSELING

Beveridge & Diamond's Latin American Region (LAR) practice is based in our Austin office. We help multinational clients navigate the dynamic and evolving landscape of Latin American environmental law. Our core LAR practitioners are fluent in either Spanish or Portuguese, have studied, lived, or worked in the field of environmental law in Latin America, and have written articles or co-authored treatises in this area of law. We also maintain close working relationships with leading in-country environmental counsel and consulting firms with specialties in Latin America.



Representative Matters

DOMESTIC

- Clean Air Act counseling and enforcement. We counsel clients in the energy and manufacturing sectors on the full range of air issues, including state and federal NSR and Title V permitting, deviation and emissions event reporting, federal Risk Management Plans, NSPS and NESHAP compliance, and enforcement matters including EPA flaring initiatives.
- Facility permitting and contested case hearings. We help owners and operators of industrial and commercial facilities throughout Texas to develop and expand their facilities. Whether in the substantive area of waste, water, or air regulation, we provide comprehensive representation and strategic counseling from the agency permitting process through the administrative hearing and, ultimately, before the state district and appellate courts to which appeals may be taken.
- Plant expansion. We help a leading energy company secure the traditional air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions permits necessary to expand a plant located in the Houston ozone nonattainment area.
- EPA stormwater enforcement. We represent a number of municipal and regional water systems nationwide on stormwater and wastewater matters, as well as other Clean Water Act enforcement and permitting issues. The Firm assisted the San Antonio Water System with negotiating a consent decree involving \$1billion in sewer collection system improvements to address sewer overflows (SSOs).
- Clean Water Act counseling for electric utilities. We defend a wastewater permit for an existing cooling water intake structure for an electric utility in Texas, including counseling the utility on the applicable CWA requirements.
- Environmental auditing and compliance. For a major vehicle manufacturer and clients in the chemical and manufacturing sectors, we review environmental, health, and safety audits, conduct compliance audits, and develop compliance programs.
- Agency enforcement and citizen suits. We represent clients in administrative proceedings and enforcement actions before agencies including U.S. EPA, TCEQ, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Railroad Commission of Texas. We also represent clients in citizen suits arising under nearly every major federal environmental program.

INTERNATIONAL

- Latin American environmental strategy. For a Fortune 50 company, we provide in-depth legal research, analysis, and strategic counseling on the end-oflife management of waste electronic and electrical equipment under the environmental laws of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru.
- Electronic waste and product stewardship. For a major electronics trade association, we track key product stewardship and waste initiatives pending in national legislatures and environmental agencies worldwide.

AUSTIN, TX | BALTIMORE, MD | BOSTON, MA | NEW YORK, NY SAN FRANCISCO, CA | SEATTLE, WA | WASHINGTON, DC Effective representation before TCEQ, EPA Region 6, DOI, DOJ, and other agencies

ABOUT BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND

Beveridge & Diamond's more than 125 lawyers across the U.S. focus on environmental and natural resources law, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. We help clients around the world resolve critical environmental and sustainability issues relating to their products, facilities, and operations.

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