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### **Julius maintains a national litigation and counseling practice, advising clients on high-stakes matters with an environmental nexus.**

He represents clients in various industries in complex civil litigation and enforcement actions. His litigation practice primarily focuses on issues with an environmental nexus, representing clients in citizen suits, contaminated property disputes, toxic tort claims, contractual disputes, and complex commercial litigation. He complements his litigation practice by advising clients on risks associated with emerging environmental areas, such as PFAS and environmental marketing claims (i.e., “greenwashing”).

Handling cases in state and federal courts throughout the United States, Julius’s multifaceted experience in resolving conflicts enables him to achieve favorable results that satisfy both practical and economic objectives for the firm’s clients. He has significant litigation experience, including first-chair jury trial experience, which allows Julius to align his legal counsel with targeted actions to advance clients’ goals—even if that entails litigation avoidance strategies.

### **Environmental Litigation, Citizen Suits, and Enforcement Defense**

Julius represents companies in citizen suits, government enforcement actions, and complex litigation raising environmental claims, including contaminated property disputes, product liability claims, class/mass toxic tort actions, insurance coverage litigation, and emerging contaminant claims (e.g., PFAS). His litigation and enforcement defense practice frequently arises under major environmental statutes and their state analogues, such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund law), the Endangered Species Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### **Environmental Compliance Counseling**

Julius is a trusted advisor who provides strategic advice to C-suite executives and operational personnel on various corporate environmental compliance and emerging risk areas, including ESG issues, such as environmental justice (EJ), and emerging contaminants, like PFAS. He works with clients to develop and implement environmental compliance programs and helps test their effectiveness through environmental audits. Julius also has experience overseeing corporations’ compliance under court-appointed monitorships, having played a leadership role in the Department

of Justice-appointed Independent Compliance Monitor and Auditor team in the Volkswagen Dieselgate scandal.

## **Environmental Justice**

Julius co-founded and co-chairs B&D's EJ practice group. He represents clients in disputes raising EJ concerns, evaluates EJ operational risks, designs and implements comprehensive EJ strategies, and proactively incorporates EJ considerations into project development. Julius regularly speaks and writes on EJ issues and is routinely quoted on EJ developments in publications such as *Law360*, *Bloomberg*, *InsideEPA*, and *E&E News*. He also hosts episodes of *Groundtruth*, B&D's EJ-focused podcast series created in partnership with the Environmental Law Institute.

## **Civic Involvement and Pro Bono Legal Service**

Julius maintains an active civic volunteer profile. He is a founding member of the Men of Color Project (MoCP), an organization designed to build leaders in the legal sector, facilitate intergenerational support, and encourage community service and civic engagement among men of color in the legal profession. He is also involved in prisoner advocacy, having spearheaded the firm's participation in the Clemency Project, where attorneys assisted low-level, nonviolent federal inmates in obtaining executive clemency via an Obama Administration initiative.

Since law school, Julius has been committed to providing pro bono representation, which includes his work securing the release of an inmate who was wrongfully convicted of murder after serving 24 years in prison. Additionally, he has represented pro bono clients in various areas of the law, including immigration, education, and landlord/tenant matters.

Julius is also a board member of *Unity Christian Fellowship*, a STEM-focused nonprofit youth development organization.

## **Education**

- Gettysburg College (B.A., 2007)
  - Political Science
- Rutgers University (J.D., 2010)

## **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- New York
- New Jersey

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court – Southern District of New York

- U.S. District Court – Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - New Jersey

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Legal Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- National Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
- National Bar Association, Environmental, Energy & Public Utilities Law Section

### **Honors & Awards**

- "Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, for Environmental Law (2022-2023)
- MCCA Rising Star Award (2022)
- *Law360* Rising Star (2021)
- *The Legal 500*, recognition in Environmental Regulatory Law (2022, 2023) and Litigation (2021)
- *Lawdragon* Green 500: Leaders in Environmental Law (2021, 2023-2025)
- *Super Lawyers/Rising Stars*, Washington, DC, Rising Star (2017-2020)
- National Bar Association, Nation's Best Advocates: Top 40 Under 40
- Washington Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, The Ronald C. Jessamy Professionalism Award (2017)
- American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Star of the Quarter (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018)
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2016-2017)

### **Clerkships**

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Julius clerked for the Hon. Susan D. Wigenton, U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

## **Representative Matters**

Julius's experience includes:

- Serving as first chair for two commercial litigation jury trials and second-chairing a bench trial of a multi-million-dollar commercial litigation matter.

- Serving as a key member of a trial team that represented a leading transportation company in a Clean Water Act citizen suit seeking approximately \$4T in damages where the matter settled during trial for a substantial discount to the demand.
- Playing a leadership role as part of the Department of Justice-appointed Independent Corporate Compliance Monitor and Auditor team in connection with the Volkswagen AG emissions proceedings, where he focused on improving the company's environmental compliance program.
- Favorably settled contaminated property litigation on behalf of an oil and gas company for substantially less than settlement authorization.
- Securing the dismissal of two pipeline companies in an action alleging responsibility for \$25 million in damages resulting from contaminated drinking water wells.
- Playing a significant role in obtaining a favorable settlement on behalf of a major city's water utility in litigation alleging lead contamination of drinking water.
- Working with a leading utility company to design and implement programs to incorporate EJ considerations in project decision-making.
- Counseling companies on "voluntary disclosures" of environmental compliance violations under EPA's self-disclosure policy and analogous state-based policies.
- Obtaining dismissal of a *Fortune 100* chemical manufacturer in two occupational exposure cases without answering any discovery.
- Counseling a leading refining company on compliance with a state analog to CERCLA.
- Successfully representing a leading waste management company in a state administrative proceeding where opponents raised EJ concerns.
- Preparing industry-focused guidance and a 50-state survey on EJ legislation and resources.
- As chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division's Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Committee, organizing CLE panels, teleconferences, and committee newsletters that focused on EJ.