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Steve helps clients manage and resolve complex remediation and natural resource damages (NRD) matters under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) and similar state statutes imposing liability for hazardous substance releases.

For the past 38 years, Steve's practice has focused on helping clients manage potential liabilities for response action, response costs, and NRD claims under CERCLA and similar state statutes imposing liability for hazardous substance releases. He also regularly addresses PCB cleanup issues under the Toxic Substances Control Act and helps clients manage corrective action liability under RCRA.

Steve has decades of experience helping clients overcome challenges arising from historical releases of hazardous substances to soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediments at industrial plants, landfills, oil reclamation sites, mining sites, and other kinds of facilities. In addition to his work for individual parties, Steve acts as common counsel to groups of potentially responsible parties at several sites.

Steve has substantial experience not only with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state response agency negotiations and agreements but also with cooperative NRD assessments and negotiations with federal and state natural resource trustees. His work focuses on helping clients proactively prepare for, and then cost-effectively address, government claims for response action, response costs, and NRD.

Before joining the firm in 1987, Steve was with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), where he worked closely with the EPA on CERCLA reauthorization. Prior to his work at DOJ, he clerked for the Nevada Supreme Court.

Education

- Stanford University (B.A., 1978)
 - Program in Human Biology, with distinction
- University of California - Berkeley (M.P.P., 1982)
- University of California - Berkeley (J.D., 1982)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- *Lexology* Client Choice Award (2020)

Publications

August 25, 2021

Steve Jawetz Featured in *Bloomberg Tax* Podcast on Superfund Tax Debate

Bloomberg Tax's Daily Tax Report

Updated August 18, 2021

Ten Environmental Topics to Watch in the New Infrastructure Bill

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July 21, 2021

EPA Headquarters Prods Cleanup Programs on Enforcement to Strengthen EJ

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May 25, 2021

Supreme Court Clarifies That Only CERCLA Settlements Trigger Contribution Claims

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January 15, 2021

Supreme Court to Decide Superfund Case with Significant Implications Regarding the Timing of CERCLA Contribution Claims

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April 21, 2020

Supreme Court Rules that Landowners at a CERCLA Site Cannot Require Additional Cleanup under State Law without Advance EPA Approval

April 1, 2020

Top Ten Tips for Seeking Enforcement Discretion and Preserving a COVID-19 Force Majeure Affirmative Defense before the TCEQ

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May 11, 2017

EPA Retracts CERCLA Remedy Selection Authority from Regional Offices for Remedies that Exceed \$50 Million

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February 28, 2017

EPA Issues Guidance for Characterization and Remediation of Contaminated Sediment Sites Under CERCLA

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