



Colin G. Van Dyke

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Overview

Clients rely on Colin as if he were a member of their internal team. He learns how their organizations work and what matters to them, and they depend on him to deliver results that help them accomplish their goals in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Colin has deep experience helping clients with:

- **Remediation and Redevelopment of Contaminated Properties:** Colin has negotiated favorable Superfund settlements for multiple Fortune 10 corporations, and he advised a residential developer on acquisition and redevelopment of a former manufacturing facility, including allocation of financial responsibility for site remediation.
- **Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Defense:** Colin resolved a Clean Air Act enforcement case by developing a national audit and compliance strategy affecting operations in 40 states and provinces, and he advised the new owner of a manufacturing facility regarding a return-to-compliance strategy for hazardous waste, Clean Water Act, and Toxic Substances Control Act requirements (TSCA).
- **Transactional Due Diligence and Contract Negotiation:** Colin has advised sellers, purchasers, investors, and insurers in dozens of transactions. In the past year, he has advised on deals totaling over \$1.5B.

Colin's experience and effectiveness have been recognized by his peers in publications such as *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers*®, and *Super Lawyers*.

Experience

- Advised multiple clients in responding to Clean Water Act citizen suits.
- Advised former airport operator on response to detection of PFAS in drinking water reservoir.
- Favorably resolved Clean Air Act enforcement case against national transportation company, including development of national audit and compliance strategy affecting operations in 40 states and provinces.
- Provided wetlands permitting advice to electric utilities and homeowners.
- Advised residential developer on acquisition and redevelopment, including allocation of responsibility for remediation, of former manufacturing facility.
- Negotiated favorable Superfund settlements for multiple Fortune 10 corporations by minimizing financial and/or performance obligations.
- Negotiating resolution of natural resources damages claims at former manufacturing gas plant site.
- Counseled national waste management company in multi-site environmental compliance audit, including guidance on management changes and employee communications.

PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental
Real Estate

CREDENTIALS

Education

Boston University School of Law,
J.D.
Wesleyan University, B.A.

Admissions

Massachusetts
Maine
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of
Massachusetts

Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®, Real
Estate Law, 2021-2023
The Best Lawyers in America®,
Environmental Law, 2023
Chambers USA, Massachusetts
Environmental Law, 2020-2022
Massachusetts Super Lawyers:
Environmental, 2019-2022

Affiliations

Zoo New England, Board Chair
Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston,
Board Executive Committee
Member
Mass Bays National Estuary
Partnership, Former Management
Committee Chair
American Bar Association Section
of Environment, Energy and
Resources, Council Member

- Successfully resolved TSCA enforcement proceedings against defense contractor without a penalty. Developed remediation strategy to avoid interruption of business operations.
- Represented utility in remediation and transfer of former landfill as industrial property for redevelopment.

Boston Bar Association
Environmental Law Section Air
Quality and Climate Change
Committee, Former Chair

Insights

Publications

- A Few Thoughts on EPA's Updated SEP Policy, *Natural Resources & Environment*
- Tracing the Supreme Court's Treatment of CERCLA, *Law360*
- Upcoming Ban on Food Waste Should Be Boon for State, *Boston Business Journal*
- Co-author, Encouraging Pro Bono Efforts by In-House Counsel, *New England In House*