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Overview

David focuses on solving complex environmental and energy problems for public- and private-sector clients through litigation, regulatory permitting and compliance, and legislation. His areas of emphasis and representative engagements include:

- **Environment:** David's compliance and litigation experience extends to the full suite of federal environmental statutes, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and Toxic Substances Control Act, and their state law counterparts. Representative engagements include defending the validity of a municipality's wetlands protection law and securing a favorable settlement resolving novel Clean Water Act claims against a hotel. He also has extensive experience guiding compliance with regulations governing hazardous waste cleanups, defending cost recovery and damages claims, and obtaining insurance coverage for environmental claims.
- **Climate Change:** David recently drafted comments on behalf of an environmental nonprofit organization that persuaded state regulators to increase economic diversity in offshore wind procurement in Massachusetts. He has advised municipalities on local measures to promote renewable energy and adapt to climate change.
- **Land Use:** David has represented clients on all sides of land use disputes, including project developers, neighbors, and local permitting boards. He has first-chair experience in bench trials and dispositive motion hearings regarding appeals of local permitting decisions. Representative matters include defending a city's denial of a permit for an asphalt plant and advising municipal zoning boards in their review of 40B comprehensive permits for affordable housing.
- **Other Areas of Law:** David has advised Anderson & Kreiger's municipal clients on many other questions facing local governments, from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to benefits determinations and employment law. He has litigated a wide variety of employment law matters, including wage and hour class actions, single-plaintiff claims, and OSHA claims.

Before joining Anderson & Kreiger, David worked in the San Francisco office of a large international law firm. During law school, he interned with the Boston office of the Environmental Protection Agency and with a judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Prior to law school, David worked as a legislative aide to a member of Congress.

PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental
Litigation
Public Law

CREDENTIALS

Education

Columbia Law School, J.D.,
2014, *Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar*
Editor-in-Chief, *Columbia Journal of
Environmental Law*, 2013-2014
Yale University, B.A., 2008

Admissions

Massachusetts
California

Recognitions

[Pro Bono Asylum Award, PAIR
Gala, June 2020](#)

Bar Association of San Francisco,
Justice & Diversity
Committee, *2016 Outstanding
Volunteer*