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Clients turn to Chris for his experience dealing with environmental law and regulation. He represents an array of clients in a variety of environmental litigation matters.

OVERVIEW

Chris focuses his practice on environmental law with an emphasis on environmental litigation. He assists clients in complying with environmental laws and regulations. He also represents clients in environmental litigation matters and counsels them on environmental due diligence. Chris' background includes handling a wide variety of civil, criminal, and administrative litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Chris worked as an assistant attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Environmental Section. In this position, he represented multiple Commonwealth agencies, including Virginia's Waste Management Board, State Water Control Board, Air Pollution Control Board, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Historic Resources, and the Council on Environmental Justice. He has experience handling issues arising under the Virginia Waste Management Act, State Water Control Law, State Air Pollution Control Law, FOIA, RCRA, and CERCLA. Chris also worked as an associate at another law firm.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch: Environmental Law (2026)*
- *Super Lawyers: "Rising Star" (2019)*

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Contaminated Sites + Waste Management
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Environmental Litigation + Enforcement Defense

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- [Environmental + Natural Resources](#)
- [Environmental Justice](#)
- [Environmental Litigation + Enforcement Defense](#)
- [Litigation + Trial](#)
- [State Attorneys General](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant attorney general, Office of the Virginia Attorney General, Environmental Section 2019-2022
- Graduate teaching fellow for legal rhetoric, American University, Washington College of Law, 2014-2015

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- American University, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2014, Order of the Coif; note and comment editor, *American University Law Review*
- College of William & Mary, B.S., 2011

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "[Legal History and Legal Challenges to EPA's CCR Rule](#)," ACAA 2024 Fall Membership Meeting, October 22-23, 2024.
- Speaker, "Systematically Attacking a Premises Liability Claim," KPM LAW Annual Seminar, October 12, 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[California Adopts Landmark GHG Emissions and Climate Risk Reporting Laws, Eclipsing Anticipated Federal Requirements](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, October 13, 2023.
- Author, "Take Off Your Genes and Let the Doctor Have a Look: Why the *Mayo* and *Myriad* Decisions Have Invalidated Method Claims for Genetic Diagnostic Testing," *63 Am. U. L. Rev.* 101 (2013).