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With his over ten years of compliance and enforcement experience, Jack helps clients navigate the complex web of federal and state environmental statutes and regulations. Jack focuses his practice on clients in the energy, transportation, and mining spaces, with emphasis on Titles II and V of the Clean Air Act (including the Renewable Fuel Standard), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as those programs' state analogues. He has also counseled clients in the consumer products and home renovation industries on lead-based paint, significant new use, importation, and other issues under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as well as labeling issues under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Jack is building a reputation as one of Washington's leading environmental lawyers because he is responsive to clients, knows how agencies work, and gets results.

Jack began his career as a trial attorney with the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. He also served as an attorney-advisor for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), helping to draft corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars and light trucks. He has been in private practice since 2017.

SERVICES & INDUSTRIES

 Agency Compliance and Enforcement

 Climate Change

 Due Diligence

 Air Quality

 Audits, Risk, and Compliance

 Assessments

 Electric Power & Utilities

 Energy

 Investigations and Enforcement Defense

 Mining & Metals

 Oil, Gas, & Biofuel

 Public Policy

 Refining, Petrochemicals

EDUCATION

- J.D., with high honors, University of North Carolina School of Law (2014)
- B.A., with distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, History and Economics, Sustainability Studies minor (2010)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia Bar
- Washington State Bar
- State Bar of North Carolina (inactive)



Representative Matters

- Regulatory counsel to international power wholesaler seeking involvement in proposed eRIN program under Renewable Fuel Standard
- Enforcement and regulatory counsel to national provider of repiping services with respect to EPA's lead Renovation, Repair and Painting program
- Federal and California regulatory counsel to technology company developing low-speed electric delivery vehicles
- Regulatory and permitting counsel to publicly traded company seeking regulatory approvals to restart antimony and gold mining operations at dormant site
- Environmental regulatory counsel to fertilizer manufacturer seeking first-of-its-kind underground injection of carbon dioxide from hydrogen production at gasification plant
- Regulatory counsel to petroleum refinery with respect to obligations under CAA, CWA, EPCRA, CERCLA, and state fuels and toxics programs
- Counseled whistleblower vehicle engineers in DOJ, EPA investigation of original equipment manufacturer vehicle emissions and fuel economy compliance under CAA Title II

Recognition and Activities

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Science & Technology Committee (Co-Chair, 2024-Present, Vice Chair-Programs 2022-2024), Air Quality Committee (Vice Chair-Programs, 2022-23)
- Member of Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) (2024-27 term)
- Member of Environmental Law Institute's 2022 Emerging Leaders Institute cohort
- Co-Vice Chair of Programs for ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Science & Technology Committee (2022-present) and Air Quality Committee (2022-23)
- Recipient of Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice



Publications and Presentations

- Panelist, "Driving Towards Equity: Innovations in EV Policy, Pricing, and the IRA's Clean Vehicle Credit," Environmental Law Institute Greentech Webinar Series, April 2023
- Guest, "The Youth Review: Electric Vehicles and Just Energy Transitions," Environmental Law Institute People Places Planet Podcast Series, December 2022
- Panelist, "The Environmental Impact of the Electric Vehicle Revolution—It's Green for Go," ABA SEER 30th Fall Conference, September 2022