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Practice Areas

Environmental
Project Permitting &
Development
Litigation, Enforcement and
Administrative Disputes
Clean Energy
General Civil Litigation
Public Law
Airports
Coverage Litigation

Honors

Pro Bono Asylum Award,
PAIR Gala, June 2020

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

Education

Columbia Law School, J.D.
2014, *Harlan Fiske Stone*
Scholar
Columbia Journal of
Environmental Law, Editor-in-
Chief, 2013-14

Yale University, B.A. 2008

Overview

David is a member of Anderson & Kreiger's environmental, municipal, litigation and insurance teams, where his practice focuses on environmental, energy, and land use law. He assists private, public, and non-profit clients in obtaining, defending, challenging, and complying with complex permits. His compliance and litigation experience extends to many of the federal environmental statutes, such as CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and TSCA, and their state law counterparts, like Chapter 21E and CEQA.

David's work for Anderson & Kreiger's public sector clients includes drafting local legislation, defending permitting decisions, and responding to public records requests.

David also has litigated a wide variety of employment law matters, including wage-and-hour class actions, single-plaintiff claims, and OSHA proceedings. In addition to employment matters, David has also worked on insurance coverage litigation matters.

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

Results

- Defending 21E enforcement and contribution claims at sites throughout Massachusetts.
- Won summary adjudication in favor of a Conservation Commission's assertion of its jurisdiction under a local wetlands protection law.
- Advising Potentially Responsible Parties on cost-recovery and Natural Resource Damage Assessment under CERCLA.
- Advising project proponents and abutters in proceedings before the Boston Zoning Commission and similar local boards, including Zoning Boards of Appeals and Historic Commissions.
- Defended land use entitlements and environmental review documents for mixed-use, in-fill developments in Los Angeles, including expedited litigation under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Counseled national developer on environmental review documents and discharge permits related to a seven million square foot mixed-use development on a landfill.
- Represented energy generators in California Public Utilities Commission rulemakings and contract negotiations.

- Drafted dispositive pre-trial motions for a national retailer in wage-and-hour class actions.

Affiliations

Boston Bar Association, Public Interest Leadership Program, *2019-2020*

Cambridge Conservation Commission, Commissioner, *2018-present*