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## Brian E. Moskal

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Brian Moskal represents clients in environmental litigation and counseling matters with a focus on contaminated sites and water and wastewater issues. He also has experience with insurance recovery in the environmental context.

Brian provides litigation and counseling support to industrial companies, property owners, and municipalities regarding matters arising under the Clean Water Act (CWA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and California law.

Brian has worked on investigation and enforcement matters before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Regional Water Quality Control Boards. He is also experienced in state and federal litigation at all stages, including case assessment, filing of the complaint, discovery, motion practice, trial, and appeal.

Brian was a member of a team that won a full defense judgment for a municipal water and wastewater agency in a water rights contract lawsuit by the federal government in which the government alleged more than \$300 million in damages. Brian worked on all stages of the matter from discovery through trial and appeal.

Recently, Brian represented an agricultural chemical manufacturer and distributor in a multiparty coordinated proceeding in California state court involving groundwater contamination claims by more than a dozen municipal water agency plaintiffs.

### Professional Affiliations

- [ProVisors](#) West Hollywood 1 Group
- [American Bar Association](#)

### Services

- Environment
- Environmental Litigation
- Brownfields
- Insurance Litigation
- Regulatory & Compliance Counseling
- Real Estate Due Diligence & Risk Management
- Superfund
- Climate Change & Sustainability
- Cannabis
- Litigation

- [Los Angeles County Bar Association](#)
  - Committee Member, Diversity in the Profession Section

## Awards

- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law, 2021–2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2026
- *L.A. Times B2B Publishing*, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Visionary List, 2023
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, Environmental Litigation, 2024–2026
- *Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2012–2020

## Bar Admissions

- California, 2005

## Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- University of Texas at Austin (BBA, *high honors*, 2002)
  - Business Honors and Management Information Systems

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## Environmental Experience

- Represented a medical manufacturing company in a two-pronged matter that included: (1) successfully defending and settling (on highly favorable terms) a CERCLA and corporate successor liability lawsuit filed by the owner of a commercial property in Los Angeles for environmental response costs alleged to have been caused by manufacturing operations of the company; and (2) successfully defending a California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regulatory claim against the medical manufacturing company having convinced the agency that the company is not a corporate successor to its parent company.
- Represented a property management company with regard to its portfolio of environmentally impacted and potentially impacted properties, including shopping centers in Long Beach, California, Pasadena, California, and Montclair, California. This work has included successfully recovering \$1.6 million in environmental reserve funds from a lender upon successful completion of environmental investigation at a Pasadena shopping center and ongoing regulatory oversight of investigation and remediation of environmental impacts at a Long Beach shopping center.
- Represented an industrial company and landowner in connection with sediment contamination at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site in Oregon
- Member of a team that defended through trial a municipal water and wastewater agency in a breach of contract action involving discharges of reclaimed water into a Clean Water Act-impaired water body; the case resulted in a complete defense judgment and was featured by the *Daily Journal* as a top 10 verdict for 2009
- Represented wastewater agency in connection with EPA enforcement action and consent decree, citizen lawsuits by environmental groups, and Clean Water Act secondary treatment waiver
- Defended an agricultural chemical manufacturer and distributor in California state

court in a multiparty coordinated products liability proceeding involving more than a dozen municipal water agency plaintiffs asserting groundwater contamination-related claims against numerous pesticide manufacturers and distributors

- Defended a metals manufacturer and former landowner against groundwater contamination-related CERCLA and common law claims by water agencies and enforcement lawsuit by EPA resulting in consent decree
- Represented a Southern California city in connection with an enforcement action by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board over issues with the city's wastewater treatment plant
- Successfully represented a municipal water agency seeking a consistency certification from the California Coastal Commission in connection with a Clean Water Act secondary treatment waiver
- Represent Northrop Grumman in insurance coverage lawsuit seeking costs incurred in responding to environmental enforcement litigation involving a site formerly operated by an entity acquired by Northrop.
- Assist several clients including real estate developers and buyers with procuring specialized pollution legal liability insurance policies to cover environmental claims.

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## Publications

April 8, 2026

**PFAS regulation in California: What lawyers need to know**

*Daily Journal*

February 25, 2025

**Environmental Protection Agency cuts threaten wildfire recovery efforts**

*Daily Journal*

February 17, 2022

**Overview of Key 2021 Environmental Cases**

May 7, 2020

**California issues draft guidance for vapor intrusion to indoor air**

August 6, 2019

**SF Regional Board attempts to clarify vapor intrusion approach**

May 22, 2017

**Superior Court Invalidates Hexavalent Chromium Drinking Water Standard**

Spring 2017

**Lesson on Regulatory Reporting Requirements, Environmental Law News**

*Environmental Law Section, State Bar of California*

April 22, 2014

**Beware What Lies Beneath: Vapor Intrusion Increases Potential Liability for Past and Present Owners and Operators**

*Los Angeles Daily Journal*

February 19, 2014

**Avoiding Superfund Liability: EPA Adopts New Standard for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

*Primerus*

January 6, 2014

**ASTM Issues New Standard For Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

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## Events

April 29, 2026

**William O. Douglas Award Dinner | Public Counsel**

October 16-19, 2025

**2025 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite®**

September 16-18

**CCLR California Land Recycling Conference 2025**

April 25, 2025

**LACBA 2025 Diversity & Inclusion Conference**

November 15, 2024

**Practical Guidance for Cleanups Under California's Site Cleanup Subaccount Access Program (SCAP) | LACBA 2024 Environmental Law Section Fall Symposium**

September 18, 2024

**PFAster than a Speeding Bullet | 2024 California Land Recycling Conference: From the Ground Up**

June 27, 2024

**2024 LACBA Installation & Awards Dinner**

February 18, 2024

**ACLU SoCal | Bill of Rights Awards**

November 8, 2023

**19th Annual UCLA Law Firm Diversity Reception**

April 21, 2023

**LACBA Diversity & Inclusion Conference**

October 20, 2022

**LACBA Counsel for Justice Community Impact Reception**

January 27, 2022

**CLE Last Dash | From Dirt to Air: Current Topics in Environmental Law**

July 9, 2020

**Volatile Times in Vapor Intrusion Regulation: A Legal and Technical Update**  
**[Webinar Replay Available]**

December 18, 2019

**Online CLE Clean Water Act Webinar**

November 6, 2019

**Fifteenth Annual Law Firm Diversity Reception**