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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.

Services

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

Professional Affiliations

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

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

Awards

- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law, 2021–2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2026, 2027
- *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

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.

Publications

July 16, 2026

Understanding CERCLA Liability: What Property Owners Need to Know Before Buying a Brownfield

Center For Creative Land Recycling

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

Events

September 29, 2026

More Than a Checklist: How Advanced Due Diligence Accelerates Site Redevelopment | 2026 California Land Recycling Conference

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