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Brian Renaud has been practicing environmental law as a specialty since 1989.

His environmental engagements have included:

Representation of consortium of utility, paper products, and cement industry clients and related trade associations in United States District Court and United States Circuit Court of Appeals challenges to proposed state and federal regulations, including the federal NOx/SIP Call and Michigan's "Rule 801" Implementation of the NOx/SIP Call, the EPA's Regional Haze Regulations, its Tribal Air Rule, and other proposed air regulatory initiatives

Negotiated air emission (Michigan Rule 801 – NOx/SIP Call) regulation package that eliminated in excess of \$100 million in client add-on control requirements for industry client group

Successfully litigated "air pollution control device" exemption of a \$45 million waste to energy facility from Michigan personal property taxes, reducing the client's annual tax liability by \$2.5 million

Supervised environmental closure activities associated with former Michigan paper mill property. Oversight activities included demolition of former manufacturing facilities; closure of landfill, paper sludge impoundment, process water overflow, and spray irrigation areas; and the investigation of nearby soil and creek sediments potentially containing VOCs, PNAs, dioxin, furans and metals.

Managed regulatory and media response of a Tier 1 automotive parts manufacturer to a significant in-plant toxic chemical release, avoiding adverse publicity and significantly reducing remediation costs

EDUCATION

University of Detroit School of Law,
J.D., 1982

Western Michigan University, B.S.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Indiana

U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District
of Columbia Circuit

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

AV® Preeminent™
Martindale-Hubbell

Best Lawyers in America®
2013-2016 (Administrative /
Regulatory Law)



Obtained summary judgment in favor of national forest and paper products client in a high-profile federal environmental whistleblower case of first impression

Obtained \$1.8 million dollar summary disposition in favor of interstate transportation company client in an environmental fraud and cost recovery case of first impression in Michigan

Conducted hundreds of environmental due diligence reviews (i.e., Phase I, Phase II, Baseline Environmental Assessments, environmental insurance coverage analyses, indemnifications, etc.) for lenders, developers, purchasers and sellers of industrial and commercial properties located in Michigan and other states

Developed environmental policy and procedure manuals for a major Midwest financial institution, and conducted policy implementation training sessions in several states

Obtained operating permits for highly contested Great Lakes marina development. Managed media coverage issues and negotiated conservation easement with state regulatory authorities.

In addition to his legal practice, Brian has served as Chairman and is currently on the Governing Board of Lexwork International, a network of independent law firms in North America, South America, Europe and Asia, offering business law services to companies worldwide.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Recent Developments in Michigan Environmental Law, *Lorman Education Services*, March 2005

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Legal Affiliations:

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan

Industry & Professional Associations:

- Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys
- International Right of Way Association
- Community Leadership Development Academy, Graduate
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, PAC Board Member
- Licensed Michigan Real Estate Broker
- Detroit Athletic Club, Resident Member