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## Services

Environmental  
Financial Services

## Industries

Automotive  
Financial Institutions

## Education

Wayne State University Law  
School, J.D. 1981

Michigan State University, B.S.  
1977

## Bar Admissions

Michigan

## Court Admissions

United States Court of Appeals

- Sixth Circuit

United States District Court

- Eastern District of Michigan
- Western District of Michigan

United States Supreme Court



Steven E. Chester

Of Counsel

Steven Chester assists clients with all environmental issues.

He returned to Miller Canfield after serving 2 1/2 years as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in Washington, D.C. There, he had policy and supervisory responsibilities over the water, federal facility, chemical and criminal enforcement programs, as well as the compliance, data collection, and state oversight programs.

From 2003 to the end of 2009, Steve served as Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the highest ranking environmental regulatory position in the state. As Director of Michigan's environmental protection agency, he was responsible for overseeing the management of Michigan's air and water resources, solid and hazardous waste, oil and gas, land management, and remediation and redevelopment programs, in addition to administering a \$350 million budget and leading a staff of 1,400 people.

While DEQ Director, he was successful in securing greater protection of Michigan's water resources and the Great Lakes by advocating for water withdrawal and invasive species legislation. Additionally, he guided the Michigan Climate Action Council in developing a climate action plan to mitigate the adverse impacts of greenhouse gases on the state's residents and environment, pursued significant reductions in mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants, and chaired an initiative to develop the first comprehensive environmental justice plan for Michigan.

Before being named DEQ Director, Steve worked in the private sector for Miller Canfield after several years of public service, first as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Wayne County Department of Health, Air Pollution Control

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Division, then as an Assistant Michigan Attorney General, then, with the EPA, as Deputy Enforcement Counsel for Hazardous Waste Enforcement, and as the Deputy Director for the Office of Criminal Enforcement.