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With an extensive background in all areas of environmental law, Eric advises clients on permit compliance counseling (e.g., Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA), and other environmental, health, and safety (EHS) matters, OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM), PFAS regulation, transactional matters, enforcement defense and litigation, and toxic tort litigation. He also guides organizations of all sizes through contractual and transactional matters, including due diligence associated with acquisitions and divestitures, periodic reporting, and regulatory agency requests for information, inspections, and interactions. Eric has regularly advised entities on self-auditing and practical approaches for the closing of identified regulatory issues.

Eric is experienced in mass tort cases, CERCLA matters, class actions, environmental litigation, negotiations with regulators, and contractual disputes. He identifies and implements creative and practical solutions for clients facing liability regarding the use, sale, release, or disposal of potentially hazardous materials. Eric works comfortably with in-house EHS professionals and engineers on real-world compliance issues. He has served clients as PRP group representative at Superfund sites for over two decades. In addition, Eric is skilled in commercial contracting, drafting indemnities, representations and warranties, and disclosure schedules.

As the former Vice President – Environmental Law of a publicly traded pharmaceutical company, Eric was responsible for all EHS compliance at its manufacturing facilities companywide, SEC-required environmental disclosures, performing environmental due diligence on business divestitures exceeding \$3 billion, and managing an environmental liability reserve in excess of \$60 million for Superfund, RCRA, and state law remediation sites across the country.

Education

- University of Arkansas (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1993)
 - Zoology
- Duke University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1996)
 - Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum, Contributions Editor
- Duke University School of the Environment (M.A., 1996)

Practices & Industries

- Environmental
- Energy Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Environmental Studies
- Forestry

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, & Resources (*Superfund and NRD Litigation Committee, Environmental Enforcement & Crimes Committee*)
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Awards & Honors

- AV Preeminent® Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Environmental Law (2027); Litigation - Environmental (2027)

Experience

- Oversaw environmental remediation accounting reserves exceeding \$60 million while working in-house at a manufacturer of specialty pharmaceuticals, generic drugs, and imaging agents.
- Successfully defended an asbestos abatement contractor against non-compliance claims by the Illinois Department of Public Health, and recovered attorneys' fees in a subsequent action in the Illinois Court of Claims.
- Achieved the first successful administrative action (CERCLA § 106(b)(2)) before the EPA Environmental Appeals Board, securing full reimbursement for a specialty chemicals manufacturer who received and complied with an EPA Unilateral Administrative Order.
- Executed an in-house counsel role as primary, day-to-day EHS regulatory compliance counsel for a petrochemical manufacturing facility, including handling Title V air permit deviation reporting, Reportable Quantity release reporting, Tier II chemical inventory reporting, Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) reporting, RCRA hazardous waste permits, and RCRA Part B permits management.
- Executed an in-house counsel role, overseeing day-to-day environmental remediation projects, EHS regulatory compliance, product stewardship, and regulatory affairs matters for a large publicly traded international coatings company.
- Defeated a \$100 million claim through summary judgment in a Utah state court, negating a suit brought by a local municipality regarding groundwater contamination allegedly from the client's former explosives manufacturing facility.
- Leveraged a favorable \$4 million settlement, versus the \$10 million sought by the EPA, through creative litigation tactics in CERCLA litigation; obtained substantial recoveries from third-party defendant contribution suits.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- "What Is New in PFAS Remediation Technology?," *Environmental Law: The Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Section on Environmental and Natural Resources Law* (March 2025)
- "Is PFAS the Next Asbestos?," *Environmental Law: The Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Section on Environmental and Natural Resources Law* (January 2025)
- "Environmental Law Update," *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* (Summer 2024)
- "PFAS in the Headlines: June 2024," *Environmental Law: The Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Section on Environmental and Natural Resources Law* (July 2024)
- "PFAS Activity Reaches a Boil in April 2024," *Environmental Law: The Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Section on Environmental and Natural Resources Law* (May 2024)
- "EPA Changes "Waters of the United States" Definition in Reaction to Supreme Court Decision" (2023)

News & Media

August 20, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2027 List

December 18, 2024

Is PFAS the Next Asbestos?

August 30, 2023

EPA Changes "Waters of the United States" Definition in Reaction to Supreme Court Decision

April 21, 2023

Greensfelder Welcomes Environmental Attorney Eric Berry