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Rick Mueller is chair of Johnson & Bell's Environmental Law group, and focuses on environmental litigation, environmental counseling and product liability defense.

Throughout a 25-plus year career, Mr. Mueller has litigated multiparty hazardous waste cases and complex mass tort cases, including the defense of upwards of 1,000 asbestos lawsuits beginning in 1976, when the first asbestos lawsuit was filed in Cook County, Illinois to the present.

He defends multiple clients in asbestos litigation in Cook County and Madison County, Illinois. In addition, he serves as National Coordinating Counsel for a pump manufacturer.

Mr. Mueller has also defended corporations involved in multiparty hazardous waste cases initiated by federal and state environmental protection agencies pursuant to CERCLA and other statutes, as well as in civil administrative actions filed by federal and state authorities under TSCA and other environmental statutes.

He also counsels clients on compliance with hazardous and infectious-waste regulations, assists in the response to chemical spills and accidents and helps clients meet environmental permitting requirements.

Mr. Mueller is a member of the Illinois Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the American Law Firm Association's Environmental Practice Group Steering Committee. He earned his undergraduate degree, and his J.D. from Indiana University.

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SERVICE AREAS

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Toxic Tort

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ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

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Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

Indiana University, J.D., 1976

University of Sheffield, England (Rotary Foundation Ambassador Scholar), 1975

Indiana University, B.S. (cum laude), 1973

AFFILIATIONS

Illinois State Bar Association, past chair of the Illinois Bar's Environmental Law Section Council

American Bar Association

ALFA International Environmental Practice Group Steering Committee

HONORS

Leading Lawyers 2003-2024

CLIENT RESULTS

Waukegan Harbor Cleanup

Clearance of Real Property Transfers

Settles Contribution Case in Streeterville Area

Sauget, Illinois Superfund Site

Superfund Experience

Barring Plaintiff's $31M Damages Claim

Environmental Indemnifications

Clean Air Act Experience

Representing Corporate Entities in Several Sediment Contamination Cases

RCRA Experience

Handling Remediation Obligations Nationwide

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