

Brian Dodds

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Businesses and landowners facing allegations of pollution turn to Brian Dodds for representation in environmental enforcement actions and related court proceedings.

Brian focuses his practice on environmental law, assisting clients with enforcement, permitting, rulemaking, and compliance issues before both state and federal courts and administrative agencies. With a perspective informed by three years of judicial clerkship experience, Brian delivers compelling and persuasive arguments that protect his clients' interests and help them achieve their larger business goals. Brian has drafted numerous dispositive motions in state and federal courts, managed written discovery, taken and defended depositions, and assisted in drafting appellate briefs before the Illinois Appellate Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Clients value Brian's skill as a legal researcher and writer. His adept examinations of complex regulatory systems and the policy choices behind them help business leaders make decisions with clarity and certainty.

Brian also has experience in health care defense litigation, including medical and dental malpractice, nursing home liability, and professional liability matters.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Hon. Mary L. Mikva, Illinois Appellate Court, First District (2017-2019)

Hon. Celia G. Gamrath, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division (2016-2017)

Representative Engagements

- Represented a major energy corporation in a commercial fraud case in state court.
- Represented multiple companies in enforcement proceedings brought by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- Drafted successful appellate briefs for a utility company in an easement dispute.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 2016, *cum laude*

Managing Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*

Executive Articles Editor, *Journal of Environmental and Energy Law*

Certificate in Environmental and Energy Law

Dean's List

CALI Excellence for Administrative Law Award
CALI Excellence for Environmental Law & Policy Award
CALI Excellence for Legal Writing Award
CALI Excellence for Trial Advocacy Award
CALI Excellence for Water Resources Law Award
Vice President, Moot Court Honor Society
University of Illinois, M.A., Political Science, 2008
Fellow, Civic Leadership Program
University of Illinois, B.A., English Literature, 2006

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Professional Memberships

Appellate Lawyers Association
Chicago Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Corporate Death Cut-Off Claims: Oakridge Healthcare and Successor Nonliability,” (author) *HeplerBroom* Blog (November 5, 2020)
- “Climate Risk & ESG Standards: The Intersection of Environmental Regulation and Corporate Disclosure,” (speaker) Perrin Conferences Environmental Risk & Litigation Conference (June 29, 2021)
- “The US Supreme Court’s Decision in County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund: How Does This Affect My Company and What Happens Next?,” (panelist) Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group Webinar (June 11, 2020)
- “Supreme Court: Groundwater Discharges to Navigable Waters Require a Permit When ‘Functionally Equivalent’ to a Direct Discharge,” (author) *HeplerBroom* Blog (April 23, 2020)
- “Midwest Generation Seeks Reconsideration of Pollution Control Board Ruling Constricting Effective Period of Groundwater Management Zones to Duration of Active Remedial Work,” (co-author) *HeplerBroom* Blog (October 15, 2019)