

GABRIELLE SIGEL, Partner

Gabrielle Sigel is co-chair of the firm's Environmental and Workplace Health and Safety Law Practice and of the firm's Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice. She focuses on environmental, climate change and safety and health litigation and counseling. Clients seek her representation in complex environmental statutory, common law, Superfund enforcement and cost recovery actions. She has experience with toxic tort lawsuits and representing clients in claims related to the release of or exposure to hazardous substances. Ms. Sigel also spends significant time representing employers in matters concerning work-related injuries and chemical exposures, including OSHA enforcement defense, whistleblower matters, compliance programs and regulatory interpretation. In addition, she counsels corporate clients on a variety of environmental and workplace health and safety regulatory and transactional issues.

Ms. Sigel has published extensively in private public publications, including being a principal author for LexisNexis' [Environmental Law and Climate Change Center](#).

She is a frequent speaker on climate change, workplace health and safety, and hazardous material exposure and remediation issues.

Ms. Sigel is recognized by *Chambers USA*, the Leading Lawyers Network, in *Best Lawyers in America*, and *Illinois Super Lawyers* in the areas environmental law, toxic tort defense and insurance coverage. Ms. Sigel is AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has taught environmental law at Northwestern University School of Law as an adjunct professor.

She was Secretary and an active member of the Board of Directors for the Chicago Foundation for Women. Ms. Sigel also was a founder of the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, now the Legal Council for Health Justice, providing pro bono legal services to those affected by HIV/AIDS and other health issues.

Awards

- *Legal 500 US*
Industry Focus - Environment - Litigation, 2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*
Environmental Law, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- *Chambers USA*
Environment: Litigation - Band 1 (Illinois), 2012-2019; Band 2 (Illinois), 2020
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*
Environmental, 2008
Environmental Litigation, 2009, 2014-2020



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Climate and Clean Technology Law
Content, Media and Entertainment
Energy
Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law
Environmental Litigation
Products Liability
Real Estate and Construction Litigation
Real Estate Litigation and Counseling

INDUSTRY GROUPS

COVID-19 / Coronavirus Resource Center

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, JD, 1983;
cum laude

Oberlin College, AB, 1980; Senior Scholar

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1983

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
1983

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
1985

US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1992

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Frank H. Easterbrook, US Court of
Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1986

- Leading Lawyers Network
 - Environmental Law, 2003-2019
 - Insurance, Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance Law, 2003-2019
 - Toxic Torts Defense Law, 2003-2019
 - Top 50 Women Real Estate-related Lawyers, 2009
 - Top 100 Leading Women Lawyers in Illinois, 2009-2010, 2015
 - Top 100 Leading Women Business Lawyers in Illinois, 2009-2010, 2015
 - Top 100 Leading Women Real Estate-Related Lawyers in Illinois, 2015
- *National Law Journal*
 - "Energy & Environmental Trailblazer," 2016

Community

- Chicago Foundation for Women
 - Member, Board of Directors, 2009-2014
 - Secretary, Board of Directors, 2014
- New Israel Fund
 - Member, International Council and Regional Council

Educational

- Northwestern University School of Law
 - Adjunct Professor, Environmental Law, 1990-2000

Service To The Bar

- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
 - Founding Director and Board Member, 1988-2000
 - Secretary, 1995-2000
- American Bar Association
 - Section on Environment, Energy and Resources
 - Section on Labor and Employment
 - Section on Litigation
- American Bar Association - AIDS Coordinating Committee
 - Co-Chair, 1998-2000
 - Member, 1990-2000
- American Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Illinois State Bar Association - Environmental Section
 - Member, Section Council, 1995-1999

Publications

- Author, Client Alert: OSHA Faces FAQs on Face Coverings, June 11, 2020
- Author, Client Alert: Employers are Back in the Workplace: So is OSHA!, May 21, 2020
- Co-Author, *Consumer Finance Observer* – Spring 2020, May 14, 2020
- Author, Client Alert: White House Reopening Guidelines: How Will Workplaces Open Up Again?, April 17, 2020
- Author, Client Alert: OSHA to Employers: Some Relief from Respiratory Protection Rules in the Face of N95 Shortages, April 8, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Does the OSH Act Give an Employee the Right to Refuse to Work Due to Fear of Workplace COVID 19 Exposure?, March 27, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Financial Relief in Response to COVID-19, So Far... Episode I., March 20, 2020
- Co-Author, *Environmental Law in Illinois Corporate and Real Estate Transactions 2014 Edition*, IICLE, April 2014
- "Climate Change Law in Review, 2009-2012: Obama's First Term Changes the Climate on Climate Change," Jenner & Block, February 2013
- "Lender Liability Under Environmental Laws for Real Estate and Corporate Transactions," *Environmental Law in Illinois Corporate and Real Estate Transactions, 2011 Supplement*, IICLE Press, 2011
- Client Advisory: Supreme Court Holds EPA's Authority to Regulate Greenhouse Gases Displaces Federal Nuisance Suit, June 20, 2011
- "Facility Energy Audits Aren't Just Trendy; They're Becoming Best Practice," *Corporate Counsel*, April 2011
- Client Advisory: Energy Audits- New Legal Requirements and Consensus Standard, February 23, 2011
- "2010 Climate Change Year in Review: The Executive Branch Takes Charge," *LexisNexis' Emerging Issues Analysis*, January 2011
- U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit Dismisses Climate Change Appeal in *Comer v. Murphy Oil*, For Lack of Quorum, *Emerging Issues Analysis*, *LexisNexis*, June 9, 2010
- "Senators Kerry and Lieberman's Cap-and-Trade Program in Their Recently Proposed Climate Change Legislation," *LexisNexis*, June 2010
- Climate Change Developments in 2009: New Federal Approaches to Greenhouse Gas Regulation, February 26, 2010
- Client Alert: What You Need to Know About The New SEC Guidance on Climate Change Disclosure, February 10, 2010
- "What You Need to Know About The New SEC Guidance on Climate Change Disclosure," *Emerging Issues Commentary*, *LexisNexis*, February 1, 2010
- Client Advisory: SEC Issues New Guidance Regarding Climate Change Disclosures, January 28, 2010
- "Climate Change 2009 Year in Review: Building Foundations for Change or Just Castles in the Sand?" *Emerging Issues Analysis*, *LexisNexis*, January 2010
- Client Advisory: Prelude to Regulation: EPA Announces Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Findings, December 8, 2009

- "Paving the Way for GHG Public Nuisance Claims?" *Law360*, October 22, 2009
- Client Advisory: EPA Proposes Rule for Applying Clean Air Act Permit Requirements to GHG Stationary Sources, October 6, 2009
- "U.S. Issues Proposed Rule - Stationary Sources of GHG Emissions Will Comply with 'Tailored' Clean Air Act Permit Requirements," *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- "U.S. EPA Finalizes Rule Mandating Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions" *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- "Federal Appeals Court - Greenhouse Gas Emitters Can Be Subject to Federal Common Law Nuisance Liability" *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- Client Advisory: Federal Appellate Court Allows Public Nuisance Claims for Greenhouse Gas Emissions, September 25, 2009
- Client Advisory: U.S. EPA Requires Mandatory Reporting Beginning with Next Year's Greenhouse Gas Emissions, September 23, 2009
- "U.S. EPA Proposes Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Rule for Emissions from Stationary and Mobile Sources," *LexisNexis*, March 2009
- Client Advisory: U.S. EPA Proposes Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Rule, March 11, 2009
- "Climate Change 2008 Year in Review: Complex Legal and Political Issues Are Waiting for the New Administration," *LexisNexis*, January 2009
- "Carbon Cap-and-Trade Programs: European and Domestic Designs Provide Insight for New Administration," *Emerging Issues Analysis*, Lexis/Nexis, January 2009
- Co-Author, "Climate Change 2007 Year in Review: 'States, Trades, and Automobiles', "Emerging Issues Commentary", *LexisNexis*, February 2008
- Client Alert: DHS Releases "Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards" Final Appendix A in Pre-Publication Version, November 2, 2007
- Client Advisory: Federal Court Dismisses California's Global Warming Lawsuit Against Automakers, September 21, 2007
- Client Advisory: Investors Petition SEC for Climate Disclosure Rules, September 20, 2007
- "Climate for Change - and Opportunity," *Counsel to Counsel*, July 2007
- Client Advisory: Supreme Court Allows PRPs to Sue For Cost Recovery After Voluntary Cleanups, June 18, 2007
- Climate Change: Current and Emerging Legal Issues, June 1, 2007
- Co-Author, "*U.S. v. Atlantic Research Corp.*: Is the Sky Falling On Environmental Cost Recovery Actions?" *Andrews Litigation Reporter*, Thomson/West, Vol. 27, No. 22, May 30, 2007
- Client Advisory: CERCLA Section 107 PRP Cost Recovery Case To Be Argued Before the Supreme Court, April 18, 2007
- Client Advisory: "Cool Globes" Initiative Will Address Global Warming Solutions, April 12, 2007
- Client Advisory: U.S. Supreme Court Requires EPA to Consider Regulating GHG, April 3, 2007

- Client Advisory: Climate Change: What To Expect in 2007, February 7, 2007
- Client Advisory: Seventh Circuit Previews Supreme Court Superfund Recovery Debate, January 29, 2007
- Client Advisory: U.S. Supreme Court to Address Superfund Cost Recovery Controversy, January 25, 2007
- "Warming Up to the Idea: Illinois Addresses Climate Change," *Midwest In-House*, January 2007
- Co-Author, "Lender Liability Under Environmental Laws for Real Estate and Corporate Transactions," *Environmental Law in Illinois Corporate and Real Estate Transactions*, IICLE, January 1, 2007
- Environmental Alert: U.S. Supreme Court Changes Superfund Cost Recovery Options, December 5, 2004
- Construction News, Fall 2004
- *Land, Air and Water News*, Winter 2002

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Climate Change, 4th Annual Class action Money & Ethics Conference, September 23, 2020
- Moderator, "Managing the Great Lakes," Environmental Law Institute and Jenner & Block, October 29, 2019
- Speaker, "The Landscape of Environmental Protection Law In Turmoil," Environmental Protection Law The Cross-Hairs, Boston College Law School, November 02, 2017
- "Climate Change Law at the Close of the Obama Administration: Understanding the Past and Implications for the Future," Jenner & Block CLE Webinar, May 12, 2016
- Panelist, "Climate Change Legal Developments and Science Update: Impact on Chicago and the Region," City of Chicago Department of Law, March 02, 2016
- "Leading Cases in Air Law," 14th Annual Environmental Law Conference, April 02, 2015
- "Protecting Confidential Information," Exelon's Power Environmental Summit, April 29, 2014
- "Women's Legal Rights: Our History & Our Future," Jenner & Block Women's Forum, July 24, 2013
- "New and Old Energy," 8th CIS Local Counsel Forum, June 28, 2013
- "Climate Change Law: How Obama's First Term Changed the Climate on Climate Change and Predictions for the Second Term," Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee, May 21, 2013
- "The U.S. Appellate Court's Decision Upholding Obama's Climate Change Regulations: Impact on Business and the Environment," CLE Seminar, Chicago, IL, July 12, 2012
- "What Environmental Attorneys Need to Know About OSHA," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee, Chicago, IL, November 30, 2011
- "Are Climate Change Tort Actions Dead? What's Next After Supreme Court Decision in *AEP v. Connecticut*?" Jenner & Block Climate Change and Clean Technology Law Practice Webinar, August 09, 2011
- "Chrome: Intersection of OSHA and EPA Regulation," Chicago Bar Associations Environmental Law Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 03, 2011
- "What Environmental Lawyers Need to Know about Climate Change and Water Scarcity and the Legal Issues that Will Arise in 2011 and Beyond," ExecSense Webinar, February 24, 2011

- “Water Scarcity and Climate Change, The Science and Legal Issues for Chicago,” City of Chicago Law Department, Chicago, IL, January 19, 2011
- “Critical Insights in Climate Change and Water Scarcity,” CREW Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 04, 2010
- “CERCLA Settlements and PRP Intervention,” Strafford Publications Webinar, July 20, 2010
- “What You Need to Know About the New SEC Guidance on Climate Change Disclosure,” Chicago Bar Association Securities Law Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15, 2010
- “Carbon Credits,” The Seminar Group, Chicago, IL, February 04, 2010
- “EPA Action on GHGs: What to Expect and How to Prepare,” Electric Utility Consultants, Inc. Web Conference, December 03, 2009
- “Engineers as Experts in Litigation - Meeting the Challenge,” Chicago Regional Section of the Society of Women Engineers, Chicago, IL, July 21, 2009
- “Cap-and-Trade Programs and Effects on Green Building,” The Seminar Group Illinois Real Estate Development & Finance Seminar, Chicago, IL, June 18, 2009 to June 19, 2009
- “Carbon Credits,” The Seminar Group, Chicago, IL, February 04, 2009
- InsideCounsel and Jenner & Block’s Eighth Annual SuperConference, Chicago, IL, May 20, 2008 to May 21, 2008
- “Now What Do I Do?” Chemical Industry Council of Illinois Employment Issues & Personal Liability Seminar, Willowbrook, IL, November 09, 2006
- Moderator, “HIV Legal Assistance Projects,” ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee - HIV/AIDS Law and Practice: From ‘Nuts & Bolts’ to ‘Cutting Edge’, Chicago, IL, May 17, 2002 to May 19, 2002
- “Prevent the Event,” Jenner & Block and the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Seminar, Chicago, IL, March 05, 2002
- “Master the Disaster,” Jenner & Block and the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Seminar, Chicago, IL, February 05, 2002
- “Carbon Credits,” The Seminar Group, Chicago, IL,