

STEPHEN H. ARMSTRONG, Of Counsel

Stephen H. Armstrong focuses on environmental law. Organizations seek him out for help with environmental litigation, site remediation, regulatory and enforcement matters, corporate and real estate transactions and compliance counseling. In particular, he concentrates his practice on issues related to contaminated properties and has represented utility companies in a variety of lawsuits. He also counsels extensively on financial reporting and disclosure obligations related to environmental matters.

Mr. Armstrong is of counsel and is a member of the firm's Environmental and Workplace Health and Safety Law, and Climate and Clean Technology Law Practices. He speaks frequently on environmental topics, including liability issues associated with property transactions and environmental financial reporting and disclosure obligations. He is president of the Illinois chapter of the National Brownfield Association and serves on the NBA's board of directors.

Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Armstrong served for multiple years as lead environmental counsel for a large diversified energy corporation with a substantial portfolio of former manufactured gas plant (MGP) sites. In that role, he gained extensive experience in site remediation, environmental litigation, regulatory matters, rate recovery proceedings and environmental financial reporting.

Mr. Armstrong's experience includes representing utility clients in connection with:

- Defense of citizen suits brought under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at nine former MGP sites;
- Prosecution and defense of cost recovery claims brought under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act at several former MGP sites;
- Negotiation of consent orders relating to 13 former MGP sites in the US Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Superfund Alternative Sites Program;
- Negotiation of consent decree with USEPA and related agreements with other potentially responsible parties at major MGP Superfund site;
- Investigation and remediation of several former MGP sites under federal and state cleanup programs;
- Participation in complex alternative dispute resolution proceeding involving cost allocation at major MGP Superfund site;
- Procurement of new environmental insurance products and submission of claims thereunder;
- Prosecution of complex environmental insurance recovery litigation involving claims against historic comprehensive general liability insurers at several former MGP sites;



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Climate and Clean Technology Law
Energy

Environmental and Workplace Health &
Safety Law

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, JD,
1980

University of Wisconsin, MA, 1972

Oberlin College, BA, 1970

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1982

Wisconsin (inactive), 1980

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
2008

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
2004

US District Court, Western District of
Wisconsin, 1980

- Defense of bodily injury and property damage claims at former MGP sites;
- Claims in bankruptcy proceedings relating to environmental issues at MGP sites;
- Rate recovery proceedings before public utility commission to recover costs incurred in connection with investigation and remediation of former MGP sites;
- Property transactions involving former MGP sites; and
- Environmental financial reporting and disclosure obligations pertaining to former MGP sites.

Industry Organization

- National Brownfield Association
Board of Directors
President, Illinois Chapter

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association
Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- Chicago Bar Association
Member, Environmental Law Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association
Environmental Law Section

Speaking Engagements

- “New Approaches to Marketing and Redeveloping Surplus Properties,” 16th National Brownfields Training Conference, September 03, 2015
- “Successful Environmental Liability and Risk Transfer Deals,” Jenner & Block Webinar, June 30, 2015