



Environmental Litigation

Legal 500 US (2020) describes our environmental litigation team as “a talented group with deep knowledge in environmental law. They offer sound advice with a view towards business reality.”

Our team includes seasoned private practice attorneys, and lawyers who held high-ranking positions in government agencies, including the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Department of Justice (DOJ), the US Department of the Interior (DOI) and the US Army Corps of Engineers. These diverse experiences give us a deep understanding of environmental regulations and how to effectively litigate for a favorable outcome. For example, we are representing **The Electric Reliability Coordinating Council** on matters centered on the EPA’s efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. We are also defending **Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LLC, Kinder Morgan, Inc.** and **Permian Highway Pipeline LLC** in federal lawsuits seeking to delay and enjoin construction of the Permian Highway Pipeline through the Texas Hill Country.

Our lawyers keep abreast of new regulatory and legal development, working with clients in developing, improving and implementing strategies for cost-effective compliance with state and federal environmental regimes. We have a long history of representing clients in high-stakes litigation related to climate change, the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Areas of Focus

Litigation

Experience

Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

- in various investigations that arose from the *Deepwater Horizon* incident, including President Obama’s Special Task Force, the US Congress and

the CSB. We brought the matter to a very successful resolution for Halliburton — one that included no criminal charges related to the explosion, the oil spill or the environmental impacts

Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LLC, Kinder Morgan , Inc. and Permian Highway Pipeline LLC

- in two related lawsuits filed in federal court in Austin, Texas, in the US District Court for the Western District of Texas seeking to delay and enjoin construction of the Permian Highway Pipeline through the Texas Hill Country, where it will pass through or near the habitats of several endangered species

NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC

- in defending FERC-certificated \$2 billion interstate natural gas pipeline against multiple environmental and Natural Gas Act challenges in the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth and DC Circuits

Valero Energy Corporation

- in cases in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals and in the Northern District of Texas challenging US EPA rules implementing the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS)

Recognition

Our environmental litigation team consistently ranks among the nation's leading practices in *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500 US* and *US News – Best Lawyers Best Law Firms*.

- **Chambers USA** – Nationwide Environment, Texas Environment (Band 1), Washington, DC Environment
- **Legal 500 US**– Environment Litigation
- **US News – Best Lawyers Best Law Firms**– Nationwide Environmental Litigation (Tier 1); Austin Environmental Litigation (Tier 1), Washington, DC Environmental Litigation (Tier 1)