



## Brian E. Moskal

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Brian Moskal represents clients in environmental litigation and counseling matters with a focus on contaminated sites and water and wastewater issues. He also has experience with insurance recovery in the environmental context.

Brian provides litigation and counseling support to industrial companies, property owners, and municipalities regarding matters arising under the Clean Water Act (CWA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and California law.

Brian has worked on investigation and enforcement matters before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Regional Water Quality Control Boards. He is also experienced in state and federal litigation at all stages, including case assessment, filing of the complaint, discovery, motion practice, trial, and appeal.

Brian was a member of a team that won a full defense judgment for a municipal water and wastewater agency in a water rights contract lawsuit by the federal government in which the government alleged more than \$300 million in damages. Brian worked on all stages of the matter from discovery through trial and appeal.

Recently, Brian represented an agricultural chemical manufacturer and distributor in a multiparty coordinated proceeding in California state court involving groundwater contamination claims by more than a dozen municipal water agency plaintiffs.

### Professional Affiliations

- [ProVisors](#) West Hollywood 1 Group
- [American Bar Association](#)
- [Los Angeles County Bar Association](#)
  - Committee Member, Diversity in the Profession Section

### Awards

- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law, 2021–2024

- *L.A. Times B2B Publishing*, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Visionary List, 2023
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, Environmental Litigation, 2024, 2025
- *Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2012–2020

## Bar Admissions

- California, 2005

## Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- University of Texas at Austin (BBA, *high honors*, 2002)
  - Business Honors and Management Information Systems

## Environmental Experience

- Represented a medical manufacturing company in a two-pronged matter that included: (1) successfully defending and settling (on highly favorable terms) a CERCLA and corporate successor liability lawsuit filed by the owner of a commercial property in Los Angeles for environmental response costs alleged to have been caused by manufacturing operations of the company; and (2) successfully defending a California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regulatory claim against the medical manufacturing company having convinced the agency that the company is not a corporate successor to its parent company.
- Represented a property management company with regard to its portfolio of environmentally impacted and potentially impacted properties, including shopping centers in Long Beach, California, Pasadena, California, and Montclair, California. This work has included successfully recovering \$1.6 million in environmental reserve funds from a lender upon successful completion of environmental investigation at a Pasadena shopping center and ongoing regulatory oversight of investigation and remediation of environmental impacts at a Long Beach shopping center.
- Represented an industrial company and landowner in connection with sediment contamination at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site in Oregon
- Member of a team that defended through trial a municipal water and wastewater agency in a breach of contract action involving discharges of reclaimed water into a Clean Water Act-impaired water body; the case resulted in a complete defense judgment and was featured by the *Daily Journal* as a top 10 verdict for 2009
- Represented wastewater agency in connection with EPA enforcement action and consent decree, citizen lawsuits by environmental groups, and Clean Water Act secondary treatment waiver
- Defended an agricultural chemical manufacturer and distributor in California state court in a multiparty coordinated products liability proceeding involving more than a dozen municipal water agency plaintiffs

asserting groundwater contamination-related claims against numerous pesticide manufacturers and distributors

- Defended a metals manufacturer and former landowner against groundwater contamination-related CERCLA and common law claims by water agencies and enforcement lawsuit by EPA resulting in consent decree
- Represented a Southern California city in connection with an enforcement action by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board over issues with the city's wastewater treatment plant
- Successfully represented a municipal water agency seeking a consistency certification from the California Coastal Commission in connection with a Clean Water Act secondary treatment waiver
- Represent Northrop Grumman in insurance coverage lawsuit seeking costs incurred in responding to environmental enforcement litigation involving a site formerly operated by an entity acquired by Northrop.
- Assist several clients including real estate developers and buyers with procuring specialized pollution legal liability insurance policies to cover environmental claims.

## Insights

February 25, 2025

**Environmental Protection Agency cuts threaten wildfire recovery efforts**

*Daily Journal*

February 21, 2025

**37 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2025 Southern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars**

*Super Lawyers*

January 20, 2025

**Michelle Mabugat and Brian Moskal Selected to Los Angeles Business Journal's "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys 2025" List**

*Los Angeles Business Journal*

June 6, 2024

**Chambers USA 2024 Recognizes 14 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

May 23, 2024

**Environmental Due Diligence: Stories From The Field**

*Environmental Social Justice*

May 7, 2024

**Greenberg Glusker Advises Talley Inc. in Its Acquisition by Rexel USA**

*Greenberg Glusker Press Release*

January 10, 2024

**28 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2024 Southern California Super Lawyers**  
*Super Lawyers*

November 27, 2023

**Brian Moskal Selected to L.A. Times B2B Publishing's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Visionary List**  
*L.A. Times B2B Publishing*

July 25, 2023

**Finding Funding for Environmentally Impacted Sites**  
*Environmental Social Justice*

June 1, 2023

**Chambers USA 2023 Recognizes 12 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

April 21, 2023

**As EPA Rules Loom, Attorneys Prep for Tidal Wave of PFAS Litigation: Substance Remains Common Despite Alleged Dangers**  
*PacerMonitor*

December 15, 2022

**Greenberg Glusker Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2022**

October 20, 2022

**Greenberg Glusker Receives Pro Bono Award at the LACBA Counsel for Justice Community Impact Reception**  
*Greenberg Glusker Press Release*

June 1, 2022

**Chambers USA 2022 Recognizes 12 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

May 20, 2021

**Chambers USA 2021 Recognizes Eight Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Four Practice Areas**

April 28, 2021

**Greenberg Glusker Advises Sequential on Its Sale to Focusrite**  
*Greenberg Glusker Press Release*

March 26, 2021

**Climate exposures placed on boardroom agenda**  
*Business Insurance*

June 9, 2020

**12 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected for Super Lawyers Rising Stars**

June 6, 2019

**12 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected for Super Lawyers Rising Stars**

June 7, 2018

**14 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named Super Lawyers Rising Stars**

Spring 2017

**Lesson on Regulatory Reporting Requirements, Environmental Law News**

*Environmental Law Section, State Bar of California*

April 22, 2014

**Beware What Lies Beneath: Vapor Intrusion Increases Potential Liability for Past and Present Owners and Operators**

*Los Angeles Daily Journal*

February 19, 2014

**Avoiding Superfund Liability: EPA Adopts New Standard for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

*Primerus*

## Events

April 25, 2025

**LACBA 2025 Diversity & Inclusion Conference**

*Loyola Law School*

November 15, 2024

**Practical Guidance for Cleanups Under California's Site Cleanup Subaccount Access Program (SCAP) | LACBA 2024 Environmental Law Section Fall Symposium**

*Latham & Watkins, 355 South Grand Avenue, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90071*

September 18, 2024

**PFAster than a Speeding Bullet | 2024 California Land Recycling Conference: From the Ground Up**

*Carson Event Center*

June 27, 2024

**2024 LACBA Installation & Awards Dinner**

*Westin Bonaventure Hotel*

February 18, 2024

**ACLU SoCal | Bill of Rights Awards**

*The Westin Bonaventure Hotel*

November 8, 2023

**19th Annual UCLA Law Firm Diversity Reception**

*Virtual*

April 21, 2023

**LACBA Diversity & Inclusion Conference**

*Loyola Law School*

October 20, 2022

**LACBA Counsel for Justice Community Impact Reception**

*Jonathan Club*

January 27, 2022

**CLE Last Dash | From Dirt to Air: Current Topics in Environmental Law**

*Virtual via Zoom Webinar*

July 9, 2020

**Volatile Times in Vapor Intrusion Regulation: A Legal and Technical Update [Webinar Replay Available]**

*Webinar*

December 18, 2019

**Online CLE Clean Water Act Webinar**

*Webinar*

November 6, 2019

**Fifteenth Annual Law Firm Diversity Reception**

*UCLA Faculty Center*

September 27, 2019

**LACBA's Diversity and Inclusion Conference**

*Loyola Law School*

September 13, 2019

**CLA Environmental Law Section Diversity Conference**

*Southwestern Law School*

May 18, 2017

**Emerging Contaminants in Groundwater – The Defense Bar Perspective**

*Groundwater Law Conference in San Francisco*

## Tox of the Town

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February 17, 2022

### **Overview of Key 2021 Environmental Cases**

Environmental Partner, Brian Moskal, recently presented at Greenberg Glusker's CLE Last Dash series discussing key 2021 environmental law cases. View the video below to learn about four key environmental cases under CERCLA, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean...

May 7, 2020

### **California issues draft guidance for vapor intrusion to indoor air**

California environmental agencies recently issued a draft vapor intrusion guidance document that will significantly impact the investigation and remediation of environmentally impacted properties by owners, operators and potential buyers. The guidance document will also impact real estate deals and...

August 6, 2019

### **SF Regional Board attempts to clarify vapor intrusion approach**

The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board recently issued a fact sheet summarizing changes to its approach to remediating environmental impacts and mitigating vapor intrusion (VI) at properties impacted with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This follows a January...

May 22, 2017

### **Superior Court Invalidates Hexavalent Chromium Drinking Water Standard**

Earlier this month, Judge Christopher E. Krueger of the Sacramento Superior Court issued an order invalidating the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for hexavalent chromium. The California Department of Public Health ("DPH") established an MCL of 10 µg/L, or parts per billion...

January 6, 2014

### **ASTM Issues New Standard For Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

On November 6, 2013, ASTM revised its standard for conducting Phase I environmental site assessments, known as Standard E1527-13 (entitled "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process"). ASTM E1527-13 is the first revision to the ASTM Phase I...