



E.A. Skip Kazmarek

Partner

Skip Kazmarek's practice spans the full breadth of environmental law, including regulatory, transactional and litigation. He has published over 60 articles and presentations and is an adjunct professor of environmental law at Georgia State University School of Law.

Skip has a unique perspective in that he has a technical background, with his undergraduate work in Biology and graduate school in Environmental Engineering Systems, both at UCLA. While in graduate school, Skip performed research in air pollution control and was involved in the testing of the first automobile in the U.S. powered by liquid hydrogen. He was also a teaching assistant and taught undergraduate-level courses in systems engineering principles. After graduate school, where he was named "Outstanding Masters Candidate" in 1977, he worked in the Environmental Engineering section of a large, national forestry corporation where he was responsible for the company's compliance with laws regulating chemical substances. He attended law school at the University of Southern California, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Southern California Law Review*.

Over the course of almost 40 years in the environmental area, Skip has been involved in nearly every major facet of environmental law. He has advised clients on regulatory compliance in areas of water and air pollution, wetlands, hazardous wastes, community right to know, and employee safety. In the transactional area, he has handled numerous matters involving contaminated property on behalf of sellers, purchasers, and lenders; he has directed the environmental components of a wide variety of corporate mergers, acquisitions, and liability transfers; and he has been on the leading edge of the latest forms of brownfields transactions. Lately, a large share of Skip's practice has been focused on environmental litigation, including toxic tort defense, cost recovery actions, and defense and prosecution of statutory claims.

In addition, Skip has extensive experience in the requirements for disclosure of environmental liabilities under federal securities laws, compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the legal and technical issues involved in the cost estimation processes that are inherent in both efforts.

Skip has been recognized as a Georgia Super Lawyer in *Atlanta Magazine* from 2004 through the present, has been named one of America's Leading Business Lawyers in the 2003 through the current editions of *Chambers USA*, and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2005 through current editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Environmental Law. In 2011, Skip was selected by his peers as the "Environmental Litigator of the Year."

Recent Representative Experience

- Successfully represented a manufacturing company in an enforcement action under the Georgia Air Quality Act, which included recognition by EPD of new defenses to penalty claims.

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Education

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University of California, Los Angeles
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Admitted to Practice

Georgia

- Successfully represented a private wastewater treatment system in claims involving actions by the system's contract operator.
- Participated, as part of a national team, in the continuing challenges to EPA's greenhouse gas regulatory program.
- Represented a major corporation in the environmental due diligence and compliance aspects of a \$1 billion acquisition.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement for a national developer in an enforcement action by EPA arising out of alleged widespread violations of lead-based paint disclosure requirements.
- Successfully represented a group of companies in litigation against a local government that had illegally collected fees and assessments.