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Arthur Siegal leads our Environmental Law practice group. He represents clients dealing with governmental regulations and compliance, focusing on environmental rules and liabilities, and brownfield redevelopment and incentives.

Arthur is often asked to assist the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE formerly MDEQ) with difficult issues. He has significant legislative experience, including:

- Assisting in crafting 2010 Michigan's Part 201 "superfund" amendments;
- Chairing the subcommittee of a 2014 Stakeholder Initiative that redrafted and strengthened Michigan Act 381 - the brownfield financial incentive statute; and,
- Drafting new coal ash legislation for Michigan.
- Serving on the Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory Panel

Arthur focuses on innovative "green" redevelopment, green energy issues, and defense of "greenwashing" claims. Visit his blog, www.Michiangreenlaw.com, where he addresses current environmental issues.

Practice Areas

- Environmental Law
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Significant Matters

- Represented real estate developer in a multimillion-dollar dispute with a major auto manufacturer; devised strategies and mastered 90+ years of history, using creative statutory interpretation leading to a successful resolution
- Represented client in litigation against both a corporate neighbor and a county agency challenging proposed county road abandonment using precedent and focused discovery to negotiate a superior settlement
- Lead counsel for defendant in *United States v Rapanos*, a landmark environmental case, after remand by the United States Supreme Court. With limited resources and significant government opposition, demonstrated that much of the alleged wetlands were not subject to federal jurisdiction, thus allowing a client to retain and develop much of his property and sparing him jail time
- Aided client denied brownfield reimbursement by municipality leading to seven figure settlement

Education and Admissions

Education

- University of Michigan Law School
J.D., *cum laude*
- Wayne State University
Bachelor's degree with distinction

Bar Admission

- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Affiliations

- Michigan Chamber of Commerce Environmental Quality Committee, Chair 2007-2009
- Oakland County Bar Association Environmental Law Section
- The State Bar of Michigan Environmental Law Section and Wetland, Solid & Hazardous Superfund Committees
- American Bar Association, Waste and Resource Recovery Committee
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Environmental Quality Committee
- ASTM International
- National Brownfield Association
- Detroit Bar Association
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Detroit Class XXV
- BBYO-Michigan Region, Commission Chair 2008-2010

Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Michigan Waste Industries Association Certificate of Recognition, 1994
- Michigan Super Lawyer, 2006-2008
- Dbusiness Top Lawyer, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020
- Chrysler Environmental Leadership Award Certificate of Participation, 2005
- Mack Alive Partnership Award for Pro Bono Services, 2002

Publications

- "Vapor Intrusion - A New and Challenging Issue," co-authored by Arthur Siegal and Jeffrey Bolin, Michigan Defense Quarterly (2013)
- "Dry Cleaning Issues: Prevention, Remediation, and Litigation," Shopping Center Business (2006)
- "Environmental Considerations in the Acquisition of Real Estate," Ann Arbor Area Business Monthly (2005)
- "A brownfield strategy that works," Michigan Business Sites (2003)
- "Drafting Commercial Leases," Environmental Law chapter of the ICLE treatise
- "End-of-Life Decisions (For Your Computer Equipment)," Michigan Business Law Journal (2006)
- "It's Dirty Work: Solid Waste Legislation in Michigan," ABA Section of Environment, Energy Resources, Waste Management Committee Newsletter (2004)
- "State's landfill rules protect public; new restrictions would make disposal expensive," The Detroit News

(2003)

- "Economic criteria may now apply to brownfields," Michigan Real Estate Journal (2003)
- "If the current system works, why dump it?" Crain's Detroit Business (2002)
- "State e-mails are public record, shouldn't be clicked into oblivion," Detroit Free Press (2002)
- "Attorney: Don't be lulled by first impressions," Michigan Real Estate Journal (2002)
- "Document Destruction Violates The FOIA," Michigan Bar Journal (2002)
- "Takings and Environmental Regulations," Laches (1996)
- "Wetlands and Development," Laches (1995)
- "Waste Management: An Example of Accelerating Regulation," Laches (1994)
- "The Rising Cost of Waste Disposal," Laches Oakland County Bar Association, (1992)
- "Impacts of QA/QC Consulting Services on Owner's Long Term Liability," 3rd Annual Waste Equipment & Recycling Conference (1991)
- "State of the Law (Environmental)," ICLE & State Bar of Michigan, Annual Publication (1989-1992)

Speaking Engagements

- 'Current Environmental Challenges for Buying, Developing and Financing Properties', ICSC Michigan Continuing Education Program (2019, 2020).