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Phillips Lytle’s success representing a wide range of environmental clients spans decades and includes our role as sole defense counsel to Hooker Chemical Company (now Occidental Chemical Corporation) for personal injury actions and co-counsel on cleanup actions related to Love Canal.

FORTUNE 500 companies regularly rely on Phillips Lytle for assistance with environmental issues. We have been included in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business for outstanding capabilities in environmental law for 11 consecutive years.

Our environmental law experience pre-dates the advent of water pollution legislation in 1970. It intensified with the enactment of waste management laws in 1976 and environmental cleanup laws in 1980. Our rich history of progressive environmental representation has enabled our Environmental attorneys to evolve into one of the most sophisticated practices in New York State and the nation. We also have established an innovative and successful Brownfield Redevelopment Practice, as well as one of the most comprehensive SEQRA/Environmental Impact Review practices in the region.

Our growing Environmental Practice consists of both trial and administrative law attorneys with training and experience in civil and criminal litigation in state, federal and administrative proceedings, as well as Regulatory attorneys who advise business clients about regulatory compliance, environmental permit management, new property development, and the redevelopment of environmentally distressed property.

We also represent clients on the varied environmental issues associated with real property transactions, asset and stock acquisitions, and divestitures. Our Environmental attorneys collaborate with attorneys from other practice areas in the firm to give our clients the interdisciplinary depth that ensures complete, cost-effective representation. To that end, many of our attorneys have backgrounds in Corporate, Banking & Financial Services, Real Estate, Personal Injury, and Chemical Exposure/Toxic Tort law.

Our Environmental attorneys offer expertise in many areas.

- Compliance with state and federal environmental statutes and regulations, including the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts, TSCA and OSHA
- Environmental Impact Reviews pursuant to NEPA and SEQRA
- Land use planning and zoning
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Chemical exposure and toxic tort litigation defense
- Civil and criminal litigation and administrative proceedings for state and federal matters involving CERCLA and RCRA, as well as the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts
- Environmental issues concerning mergers, acquisitions and real property transfers including environmental due diligence and related contract negotiations

Phillips Lytle is proud to be recognized for an eleventh year by Chambers USA© for excellence in environmental law.