

Sidley Adds Environmental Partner Laurence S. Kirsch in Washington, D.C.

Laurence S. Kirsch has joined **Sidley Austin LLP** in Washington, D.C., as a partner in its Environmental practice. He joins Sidley from Goodwin Procter LLP, where he chaired the firm's Energy and Environment practice.

In a release, the firm said Kirsch, a litigator, focuses his practice on environmental matters involving contaminated sites, sediments, hazardous waste, toxic substances regulation, vapor intrusion, natural resource damages, environmental cost allocation proceedings, and environmental issues in bankruptcy proceedings. He has experience with federal statutes, particularly the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and related state laws. He also advises clients on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Toxic Substances Control Act.

On the transactional side, Kirsch regularly counsels businesses on the environmental implications of real estate and corporate organizations and transactions. He has also been involved with environmental due diligence and structuring and negotiating deal terms to allow M&A and lending transactions to proceed notwithstanding environmental complications, the firm said.

Mr. Kirsch will add to the firm's depth of environmental litigation expertise and its ability to serve clients in multidisciplinary matters across a broad geographic region.

"Larry is a pre-eminent environmental practitioner, particularly highly regarded for his work on large and complex Superfund sites, including contaminated sediment sites and

their allocation proceedings,” said David Buente, a Sidley partner and co-leader of the firm’s Environmental practice. “He is known for having won some important Superfund decisions that many thought unwinnable. Our clients will value Larry’s deep knowledge of federal and state agencies in today’s evolving regulatory landscape. Sidley is, and always has been, a destination for top talent and we’re pleased Larry is joining our team.”