

## John Cruden

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**John Cruden** provides strategic counsel on high-stakes environmental and natural resources litigation, civil and criminal enforcement, and compliance. He offers clients the benefit of decades of experience as one of the nation's top environmental lawyers, as a leader of several major bar organizations, and a distinguished military career.

He joined Beveridge & Diamond PC after serving from 2014 to 2017 as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) of the US Department of Justice (DOJ). Mr. Cruden had previously served 1995-2011 as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for ENRD and from 1991-1995 as ENRD Environmental Enforcement Section Chief. From 2011-2014, Mr. Cruden was President of the Environmental Law Institute, a nationally recognized bipartisan organization known for its mission of making the law work for people, places, and the planet.

Mr. Cruden was the first government attorney elected President of the District of Columbia Bar, the second largest bar in the nation. He was also the first government attorney selected as Chairman of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources. He is a past member of the Board of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, the Board of the District of Columbia Bar Association, and the Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Circuit's Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services. Mr. Cruden currently serves as President of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Cruden was the Chief Legislative Counsel of the U.S. Army. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Cruden served in Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces units in Germany and Vietnam. His subsequent military assignments include as a criminal prosecutor in Germany and civil trial lawyer in the Pentagon; Chief of Litigation Branch, Europe; General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Agency; Staff Judge Advocate in Germany; and Director of Administrative and Civil Law, Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, VA. His military education includes being a Fellow, Army War College, and the Command and General Staff College.

Mr. Cruden's awards for government and military service include the *President Rank Award* from three different Presidents, the *Bronze Star*, *Legion of Merit*, *Defense Meritorious Service Medal*, *Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters*, and the *Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star*.

Mr. Cruden is a volunteer swim coach for the Special Olympics and a past recipient of Fairfax County's Volunteer of the Year award for his work with mentally handicapped children. He and his wife Sharon have two adult children.

## Allan Gates

Member  
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**Allan Gates** currently practices in the areas of environmental, environmental & toxic tort, and commercial litigation. He regularly represents water and wastewater utilities. He has been defense counsel in hazardous waste and Superfund actions before state agencies, Environmental Protection Agency, and in state and federal court. He also counsels on air pollution, water pollution, toxic tort, wetlands, environmental impact statement, and litigation.

Mr. Gates has served as a member of his firm's Management Committee, Chair of his firm's Litigation Practice Group, and Chair of the firm's Environmental Practice Group. He has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and he served on the Consultative Group for ALI's Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers.

Mr. Gates is an elected Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and is currently the College's President-Elect. Mr. Gates is a member of the Environmental Law Institute. He is a former Chair of the Arkansas Bar Association Environmental Law Section and a member of the Pulaski County, Arkansas, and American Bar Associations. Mr. Gates has been selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America*; *Chambers USA*, *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*; and International Bar Association's *Who's Who of Business Lawyers*.

Mr. Gates received a BA from Yale University and a JD from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1972. Following law school Mr. Gates served as law clerk to Chief Judge Pat Mehaffy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-74), and law clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court (1974-75).

## Jeremy Marwell

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**Jeremy Marwell** is an appellate litigator, with a focus on constitutional and administrative law, including environmental and pipeline litigation. His practice involves both civil and criminal matters in the Supreme Court, and federal and state appellate and trial courts, as well as regulatory and legal counseling.

Before joining the firm, he served in the Office of Legal Counsel at the US Department of Justice, where he provided legal advice and analysis to the White House

and federal agencies on a wide range of constitutional and statutory issues. Mr. Marwell has authored dozens of appellate and trial briefs in federal and state court, and at the certiorari and merits stages in the Supreme Court of the United States; and has presented oral argument in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He has experience in constitutional, administrative, environmental and tax law, energy issues, complex commercial litigation, the False Claims Act, and trial and appellate litigation involving the Natural Gas Act.

Mr. Marwell also maintains an active practice before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), including a broad range of current issues, such as cyber security protections for the energy grid, nuclear energy, dual-use technology, satellites, exploration and production investments, and acquisitions by foreign state-owned enterprises of energy infrastructure and businesses.