

**Susan E. Smith**

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**Susan Smith** maintains a national litigation practice focused on toxic tort, drinking water contamination, and related insurance coverage.

She defends environmental claims, counsels on environmental regulatory matters, advocates for companies before regulatory authorities and in investigations, and guides clients through incident response and clean up with a focus on minimizing the threat or impact of future litigation.

Ms. Smith has nearly 20 years of experience defending clients in various industries against claims alleging personal injury as a result of chemical or toxic exposures. She has litigated claims for Legionnaires' disease, chemical burns and inhalation, carbon monoxide poisoning, and exposure to lead, formaldehyde, mold, and other potentially harmful substances. She also advises on related insurance coverage issues and product liability claims.

Her experience includes representing clients facing Legionnaires' disease investigations, claims and lawsuits in more than 20 states. These efforts have resulted in favorable court rulings for her clients, including those affirmed in *Russell v. Call/D, LLC*, 122 A.3d 860 (2015).

**Eric K. Klein**

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**Eric Klein** is an Environmental Litigator in the Boston office of Beveridge & Diamond (B&D), with a national practice representing major companies and municipalities in a wide variety of matters including environmental and mass torts, class actions, and federal citizen suits under environmental statutes including the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Clean Air Act. He has handled cases in state and federal courts throughout the US, litigating

complex civil and commercial matters before juries, trial and appellate courts, arbitrators and administrative tribunals. He specializes in challenging and defending technical experts in complex environmental litigation.

Mr. Klein's litigation practice encompasses a broad range of environmental matters, including the prosecution and defense of groundwater and site contamination cases, printed circuit board cost allocations, environmental white-collar defense and internal investigations, and data compensation under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the federal pesticide statute. In particular, Mr. Klein has defended some of the most significant environmental citizen suits filed in recent times, including the successful resolution of a \$4 trillion Clean Water Act citizen suit filed against a major US transportation company.

As a second-year law student, Mr. Klein argued before US Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, who recognized Mr. Klein with "*Best Oralist*" and "*Best Brief*" awards. Following law school, Mr. Klein clerked for the Honorable Robert I. Richter at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He also serves as co-chair of B&D's Pro Bono Committee and maintains an active pro bono practice, specializing in defending tenants in eviction actions.

Mr. Klein's life outside the law mostly involves building furniture, playing the occasional game of chess, and singing Disney songs with his daughter. Additionally, throughout his career, Mr. Klein has worked consistently to maintain side jobs as a teacher in some form. For many years, he was a Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University Law School, teaching appellate and trial advocacy. He also taught chess to elementary and middle school students at the Knowledge is Power Program AIM Academy and served on the Advisory Board of Chess Challenge in DC; a nonprofit focused on academic achievement through chess instruction. Before that, Mr. Klein taught and tutored high school students in English and math during college and law school.

Mr. Klein's core professional belief spans his careers in education and law: Success lies in making complex subjects simpler.