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Lee D. Hoffman litigates and advises clients in the areas of environmental law, energy and utility matters and toxic tort suits.

Lee represents businesses, individuals and municipalities in all areas of environmental and regulatory law. His experience includes trial and appellate work in both civil and criminal environmental matters, toxic torts, representation before administrative agencies and Superfund litigation.

In addition to his litigation practice, Lee advises clients on various environmental matters including counseling them on environmental compliance issues, the redevelopment of contaminated properties (“brownfields”) to productive use, assisting with facility audits, advising companies on the ramifications associated with the acquisition or divestiture of assets, regulatory interpretation and conducting facility audits.

Lee also represents parties in proceedings before the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control and the Connecticut Siting Council. His experience includes representing utility companies, municipalities, lenders and private power producers in connection with the siting of facilities, transmission lines and pipelines; representing interested parties in connection with cable franchise renewals; financing power projects and representing wireless carriers in the siting of telecommunications facilities.

Prior to joining Pullman & Comley, LLC, Lee served as in-house counsel at The Hartford, where he defended The Hartford in declaratory judgment actions and oversaw defense attorneys in underlying toxic tort litigation.

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Practice Areas

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications; Energy Procurement and Use; Environmental Law and Litigation; Power Development; Water; Litigation; Green Development; Alternative Energy

Representative Experience

- Defended *Fortune 500* corporations, water companies and POTWs against criminal charges of violations of the Clean Water Act and violations of other federal and state environmental statutes
- Represented several utility companies in connection with their acquisition of natural gas pipelines and electric generation assets
- Advised companies on corporate disclosure requirements under environmental laws
- Represented Fortune 500 corporations and publicly-traded companies in defense of federal and state Superfund actions
- Represented parties in connection with the acquisition of water rights for municipal drinking water
- Represented parties before the DPUC in connection with Connecticut's Energy Independence Act
- Represented both lenders and borrowers in connection with financing of independent power projects
- Represented real estate developers in connection with development and construction of commercial properties on brownfield sites
- Represented a manufacturer before the U.S. Court of Appeals in a successful appeal of EPA sanctions
- Defended toxic tort claims against an international manufacturer in matters in five different states
- Represented power producers, municipalities and other interested parties before the Connecticut Siting Council
- Redeveloped a contaminated mill into a productive office/light industrial complex
- Defended a municipality in stigma and personal injury cases arising from contamination of drinking water wells and proximity to a landfill
- Assisted utility and telecommunications clients in developing permitting and siting strategies for new and existing facilities

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- Represented a television network before the Connecticut DPUC in connection with carriage rights on various cable company franchises
- Represented various shipping companies in connection with allegations of oil spills and other maritime accidents
- Represented manufacturers in administrative hearings before the U.S. EPA and the Connecticut DEP

Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

George Washington University, LL.M., highest honors

George Washington University, J.D.

Tulane University, B.A.

Publications

"ALERT: Greenhouse Gas Reporting Becomes Mandatory," December 4, 2009

"CT Chapter Assists in Passage of New Brownfields Act," *Dirt E-Talk Newsletter*, July 22, 2009

"Health Care Insights Summer 2009," July 21, 2009

"ALERT: DEP Aims to Get Mercury out of Fish by Imposing Limits on Sewage Sludge Incinerators," April 7, 2009

"ALERT: Grants Available for Small Shipyards," March 30, 2009

"ALERT: Connecticut DPUC to Implement New Area Codes in Connecticut," February 19, 2009

"ALERT: Environmental Justice Act Puts New Demands on Businesses and Municipalities," February 5, 2009

"Groundbreaking News Fall 2008," October 20, 2008

"Pullman & Comley Attorney Lee Hoffman in the Spotlight," (*Reprinted with permission from Dirt E-Talk, a Newsletter for Members of the National Brownfield Association October 2008*), October 15, 2008

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"Green Building in Connecticut," (*Reprinted with permission from Connecticut Law Tribune*), June 2, 2008

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association - Litigation Section; Environment, Energy and Resources Section; vice chair, membership, Energy and Natural Resources Market Regulation Committee

Connecticut Bar Association - Executive Committee, Environmental Section; secretary, Public Utilities Section

Air & Waste Management Association - vice chair, Environmental Policies Division; board member, New England Section

Connecticut Business and Industry Association's Environmental Policies Council Steering Committee

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Remediation Standard Regulation (RSR) External Advisory Committee

Connecticut General Assembly's Brownfields Task Force

DEP's SIP Regulatory Advisory Committee

Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity - board of directors

National Association of Industrial & Office Properties - Connecticut & Suburban New York Chapter - chairman, Brownfields Subcommittee of the Public Affairs Committee

National Brownfield Association - executive board, Connecticut chapter

Community Involvement

Town of Windsor's Redevelopment Agency - secretary

Town of Windsor's Commission on Aging & Persons with Disabilities

University of Connecticut School of Law - adjunct professor

Honors and Awards

Listed in the *International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers*, 2004

Listed in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers to Businesses*

Selected to the *Connecticut Super Lawyers* list in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 in the area of environmental



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Named an MS Corporate Achiever of Greater Hartford by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2008

Recipient of the *Hartford Business Journal's* "40 Under Forty" Award, recognizing him as one of Hartford County's top "young leaders"

*For more about the standards for inclusion in Chambers USA, please see <http://www.chambersandpartners.com/search.aspx?pcd=5>.

**For more about the standards for inclusion in Connecticut Super Lawyers, please see www.superlawyers.com/connecticut/selection_details.html.