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Chris is a partner in the Environmental Practice Group. She has experience in advising and defending clients with respect to many areas of state and federal environmental law, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Resource, Compensation and Liability Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Underground Storage Tank Act, and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

Chris focuses her practice on counseling clients on regulatory matters and regularly counsels buyers, sellers, and lenders on environmental risks in real estate and corporate transactions. Chris has defended federal and state enforcement actions and has conducted environmental audits and internal investigations for industrial clients. Chris helps clients with complex remediation projects, emergency response to spills and/or releases of hazardous substances, matters requiring internal investigations and root cause analyses, as well as voluntary self-disclosures under state and federal audit policies and statutes.

Prior to joining the Firm, Chris was an Assistant Attorney General at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, where she enforced state air pollution control laws and regulations.

Other Info About Chris

Education

Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2010
Washington University Law Review, Competition and Development Editor

Williams College, B.A., 2007

Courts

U.S. District Court for Southern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America® – Environmental, 2026-2027

Chambers USA, "Up and Coming," Environment, 2026

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®, Environmental, 2021-2025

Cincinnati Business Courier, Forty Under 40 Honoree, 2020

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, Rising Star Honoree, 2017

Professional Affiliations

Ohio State Bar Association

Cincinnati Bar Association

Civic Activities

Mason Arts Council, Board Member, 2019-Present

City of Mason Zoning Board of Appeals, Member, 2019-Present

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Greater Cincinnati Chapter, Member, 2013-Present

Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Cincinnati Chapter, Member, 2016-2017

Cincinnati Korean American Association, Member, 2013-2015

Firm Committees

Associate Personnel Committee, Member

Women's Initiative Committee, Member

Presentations

Presenter, "Don't Cry Over Spilt Oil! Best Practices for SPCC Compliance," Kentucky Environmental Conference, Kentucky Chamber, March 2022

Presenter, "Clean Water Best Management Practices…Storm Water Permitting; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Compliance," Sustainability and Environmental Health & Safety Symposium, Manufacturers' Education Council, March 2022

Featured Articles

Reuse in Practice: Produced Water Disposal, Recycling, Treatment, and Commercial Hurdles (Part 3)

The Legal Framework for Produced Water: Ownership, Rights, and Regulations (Part 2)

Can Produced Water from Energy Production Offset Water Scarcity in the Southwest? (Part 1)

U.S. Court of International Trade Rules Section 122 Tariffs Unlawful: What Importers Need to Know

UAE Announces Exit from OPEC: Implications for OPEC Pricing Controls and Global Supply

SEC Adopts Final Section 16 Reporting Rules: What Businesses and Executives Need to Know

Supreme Court Strikes Down Trump's Global Tariffs: Impact and Next Steps

Project Vault: What the New Critical Minerals Reserve Means for Energy and Manufacturing Companies

Regulatory Crosscurrents: PFAS, CEQA, and the Future of Environmental Enforcement

It Is in the Giving That We Receive: Federal Charitable Contribution Tax Regime Changes Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Bill Introduced in Ohio to Prohibit Sale or Distribution of Products Containing Intentionally Added PFAS

U.S. EPA Announces Retainment of MCLs for PFOA and PFOS and Intent to Rescind and Reconsider MCLs for Other PFAS

U.S. EPA Announces Nine-Month Delay for PFAS Reporting Period Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

U.S. EPA Announces Major Actions to Combat PFAS Contamination

Nine New PFAS Added to Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting by U.S. EPA

U.S. EPA Requests Comment on Adding Quarterly PFAS Monitoring and Reporting Requirements in 2026 NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit

U.S. EPA Delays TSCA PFAS Reporting Deadline to January 2026

Canada Announces Mandatory PFAS Reporting Rule

U.S. EPA Urges States to Consider Including PFAS Monitoring in Power Plant Wastewater Discharge Permits

Congress Following States' Lead to Phase Out PFAS

Seven More PFAS Added to Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting by U.S. EPA

PFOA and PFOS Are 'Hazardous Substances' Under CERCLA: Key Takeaways and Questions for Real Estate Transactions

United We Stand, Divided We Fall: Local Sewer Authorities and Biosolids Management Companies Need to Work Together

POTW Alert! U.S. EPA's Upcoming Information "Request" for PFAS Information and Potential Sampling Warrants Careful Review and Consultation with Legal Counsel

U.S. EPA Surges Forward with Its "PFAS Strategic Roadmap" in the First Quarter, Changing the Scope of PFAS Regulation in Several Ways

U.S. EPA Issues 'Game Changing' Listing of PFOA and PFOS Under CERCLA

U.S. EPA Finalizes Drinking Water Limits for PFAS

New Radon Testing Requirements for Multifamily Properties Seeking Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac-Backed Financing

Ohio Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Defense is Here

Manufacturers, Importers and Processors of Certain Nanoscale Materials Must Report to EPA

U.S. EPA Continues its Focus on Chemical Risks

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