

Rick Angell is a director and vice president of the firm and previously chaired Parsons Behle & Latimer's Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources practice group. His practice focuses on solving complex environmental challenges facing the extractive, refining and manufacturing sectors with a unique combination of legal perspective and technical insight.



Richard J. Angell

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Biography

Rick Angell is a member of Parsons Behle & Latimer's Environmental, Energy & Natural Resources (EENR) practice group. Rick assists clients with a broad range of environmental compliance, transactional and litigation issues. He is the past chairperson of the EENR practice group and currently a firm vice president on the firm's Board of Directors.

A significant portion of Rick's practice relates to hazardous materials and wastes and how they are handled for purposes of risk management, accident prevention and regulatory compliance as well as emergency response and long-term remediation in the event there is a release into the workplace or environment. Rick represents clients in administrative and judicial environmental enforcement proceedings, permit applications and appeals, remediation and cost recovery under CERCLA and other statutes as well as toxic tort litigation.

Rick conducts environmental due diligence for acquisitions and financing transactions in the United States and internationally. His transactional and compliance expertise includes development of sustainable business practices and addressing climate change issues. He also comments on behalf of clients on environmental and occupational health rules and permitting issues.

Another substantial component of Rick's regulatory compliance and permitting practice includes voluntary cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated property. Rick

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Capabilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation &
Administrative Appeals

Mining

Plaintiffs Litigation

Environmental Property Damage

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

Nevada

Arizona

Montana

Wyoming

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has worked on numerous projects around the United States with a focus on natural resource, refining, manufacturing and energy-related matters.

Experience

Clean-Up of Legacy Wood Processing Site

Advised paper company with clean-up efforts of a legacy facility relating to an amended Record of Decision.

Mining and Legacy Impacts

Provides ongoing representation on matters related to mining activities including coordination of ongoing mining activities with clean-up work to address legacy impacts from earlier mining operations.

Clean Air Act Compliance Counsel

Representing client with the EPA to comply with the Clean Air Act Section 112(r) Risk Management Program and Toxics Release Inventory requirements under the Emergency Planning and Right-to-Know Act.

Counsel on Legacy Clean Up Site

Counseling International Paper on ongoing cleanup efforts at Libby Groundwater Site in accord with EPA and DOD requirements.

Provide Counsel in Copper and Molybdenum Mining Activities

Representing client on matters related to ongoing copper and molybdenum mining activities, including cleanup of legacy impacts and future water treatment process.

Salvage Site Transactions

Represented two companies in separate transactions to acquire the rights to demolish, salvage and sell the salvaged materials from Brownfield sites in the state of Texas.

Accomplishments

Professional

Best Lawyers in America: Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental; Salt Lake City "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Environmental, 2022

Best Lawyers in America: "Best Lawyer," Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental 2023

Chambers USA: Environment, Natural Resources & Regulated Industries, 2016-2025

Recognized in Utah Business Magazine's 2023 Legal Elite

Academic

George Washington University Law School (J.D., 1996)

Cornell University (B.A., 1993)

Dual degrees in government and biology., 2010)

Associations

Professional

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

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Articles

Co-author: "Possession Is (Only) Nine-Tenths of the Law Under CERCLA: Staking Your Claim and Asserting It Too After Chevron Mining Inc. v. United States," July 21, 2018
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