

# Contaminants & Toxic Materials

Amundsen Davis offers experienced counsel to defend a wide array of claims involving toxic substances.

## Toxic Tort

We are a proven leader in toxic tort litigation. From the landmark case of *McClure v. Owens Corning Fiberglas Corporation* in the 1990s and continuing through the present, we have worked with clients to manage thousands of toxic tort claims, innovate solutions, and take cases to trial.

We start by listening to and partnering with our clients. Out of this collaborative process, we design strategies and processes to manage data, control cost, and provide stability. Our clients regularly call upon us to coordinate and direct the many facets of ongoing asbestos litigation. We serve as liaison to our clients' corporate counsel and manage myriad relationships—experts, client witnesses, courts, opposing counsel, e-discovery vendors, discovery and trial teams—that are critical parts of modern toxic torts.

We defend every type of toxic tort, including claims for exposure to asbestos, benzene, lead, carbon monoxide, mold, silica, coal, vinyl chloride, diacytl, and welding fumes. We have also represented every type of defendant: manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, employers, and premises defendants. Our clients include national and international corporations facing hundreds of simultaneous lawsuits, as well as small to mid-size businesses facing isolated claims. Our firm is centered within three of the nation's busiest and most dangerous venues: Cook County and Madison County, Illinois; and the City of St. Louis.

Finally, our clients benefit from our well-earned reputation as seasoned trial attorneys. Members of our group have tried over 100 jury trials to verdict and taken many more to the eve of trial before reaching settlement terms favorable to our clients.

## Environmental Law

We have a robust environmental law group representing owners, operators, generators, manufacturers, farmers, building developers, oil and gas companies and transporters of hazardous materials. We have worked with clients, large and small, to defend and advise them on allocation of costs associated with remediation of properties and matters brought pursuant to CERCLA (Superfund), the Resource Conversation Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act, the Oil

## PROFESSIONALS

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Pollution Prevention Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission's labeling requirements for certain products, and with the state agencies enforcing those federal requirements.

Our attorneys have experience defending environmental claims arising from chlorinated solvents, PCBs, diesel gasoline, MTBE, volatile organic compounds, and hazardous materials. We have regularly represented clients in regulatory enforcement actions brought by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state environmental agencies and have defended clients, including a building developer, oil and gas company, and large-scale agricultural operation, in regulatory enforcement actions asserting violations of various provisions of the Clean Water Act. We have experience in defending lawsuits, administrative claims, and notices alleging contaminated soil/groundwater, a need for medical monitoring, vapor intrusion and natural resource damages.

### Experience

Settled Case for 6% of the Original Demand on the First Day of Trial

Settled Case Involving Lead Paint For Significantly Less Than Ask

Settled Asbestos Case for a de minimus amount

Obtained a Dismissal in Asbestos Case and Avoided Costly Discovery

Trial Court Dismissed and Appellate Court Affirmed Dismissal in Heating and Air Conditioning Case

Represented Seller of a Trash Collection and Hauling Business in \$35,000,000 Asset Sale

### Firm News

Amundsen Davis Named in the 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms®  
Firm News, November 2, 2023

92 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America  
Firm News, August 17, 2023

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Firm News, February 10, 2023

41 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2023  
Firm News, August 18, 2022

Amundsen Davis Promotes Two to Partner  
February 22, 2021

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Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain's Chicago Business' 2018 Largest Law Firms List  
*Crain's Chicago Business*, October 25, 2018

Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain's Chicago Business' Largest Law Firms List  
*Crain's Chicago Business*, September 15, 2017

Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain's Chicago Business' Chicago Largest Law Firms List  
Firm News, *Crain's Chicago Business*, September 10, 2016

### Alerts

Pre-Judgment Interest Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021  
*Amundsen Davis Alert*, June 2, 2021

EPA Finalized Navigable Waters Protection Rule  
Article, January 29, 2020

### Events

A New Era: Prejudgment Interest in Illinois  
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, June 16, 2021

How Much Environmental Cleanup Will Your Insurance Actually Pay For?  
Speaking Engagement, EnviroForensics, Drycleaning & Laundry Institute (DLI), and Cleaner & Launderer, Webcast, June 16, 2021

How to Terminate or Renegotiate Leases for Dry Cleaners  
Speaking Engagement, EnviroForensics, Drycleaning and Laundry Institute International (DLI) and Cleaner & Launderer, Webcast, April 6, 2021

How to Terminate or Renegotiate Leases for Dry Cleaners  
Speaking Engagement, EnviroForensics, Minnesota Cleaners Association and Wisconsin Fabricare Association, Webcast, January 20, 2021

Legal Ethics During a Pandemic  
Speaking Engagement, State Bar of Wisconsin's Environmental Section, Webcast, September 10, 2020