

George J. Marek

Partner

George Marek is an environmental and energy law attorney. He counsels clients in transactional due diligence and risk assessment in business and real estate transactions, as well as the assessment, cleanup, and development of Brownfields sites. He represents one of the nation's largest retail and grocery store chains in the due diligence and construction of store locations in Wisconsin.

George's practice includes the remediation of Superfund and other contaminated properties, advising clients on wind farm projects, underground and aboveground storage tank regulation, and coordinating the investigation and remediation of toxic mold. He also represents corporate, municipal and individual clients in environmental enforcement matters.

He also represents clients in regard to Wisconsin landfills, including negotiating comprehensive landfill siting agreements between landfill operators and host communities, to address the construction, operation, financial, and long-term care of the landfills.

Representative Experience

- Represents one of the nation's largest retail and grocery stores in environmental due diligence and construction of new store locations in Wisconsin. This representation also encompasses the investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination that may be discovered during the due diligence process.
- Represents clients in enforcement actions brought by the Wisconsin Department of Justice alleging violations of asbestos removal regulations.
- Assists clients in obtaining Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources exemptions to build on former solid waste disposal (landfill) sites, including negotiating appropriate sampling protocols, engineering controls and monitoring programs. Clients have included real estate developers, automotive dealerships and paper companies. End uses have included large retail complexes, new condominiums, converted loft condominiums, automotive dealer showrooms and service centers, and recreational parks, including baseball diamonds and a rowing club.
- Represents the Town of Holland, Wisconsin, which will be the location of a new county-owned solid waste landfill. The representation culminated in a comprehensive negotiated siting agreement addressing the construction, operation, financial and long-term care of the landfill.



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- Represents a variety of commercial and residential property owners in the investigation and cleanup of toxic mold.

Legal Services

- Energy, Environment & Natural Resources
 - Brownfield Development
 - Due Diligence and Risk Assessment in Transactions
 - Remediation – Superfund and Sediments

Education and Honors

- Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1990)
- Harvard University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1984)

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin

Professional and Civic Activities

- State Bar of Wisconsin (Member)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member: Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section)
- United States Law Firm Group (USLFG) Diversity & Inclusion Committee (National Chair: 2019-Present)
- National LGBT Bar Association (Member)
- LGBT Bar Association of Wisconsin (Member and Advisory Board)
- Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce Environmental Management Council (Member)
- Federation of Environmental Technologists (Member)
- The Fair Wisconsin Education Fund (Board of Directors: 2009–2011)
- Quarles & Brady Diversity Committee (National Co-chair)
- Quarles & Brady LGBT Affinity Group (Member)
- Eastcastle Place (Board of Directors: 2016–present; Board Secretary)
- Harvard Club of Wisconsin (Officer; Secretary: 2009–2011; President: 2003–2009)
- Harvard Alumni Association (Appointed Director, Harvard Law School Association, 2000–2003)
- Early Music Now (Current Board Member; Former Board Member: 1995–1999; Vice President: 1997–1999)

Professional Recognition

- *Wisconsin Law Journal* Diversity in Business Award winner – 2019
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2008–present: Environmental Law)

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- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated
 - Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® 2021 Milwaukee Environmental Law "Lawyer of the Year"