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## About Cynthia

### Responsive clean air compliance and climate sustainability counsel

Cynthia Faur is an environmental attorney who helps clients on all aspects of environmental law, including solid and hazardous waste, Clean Water Act compliance, endangered species issues and Superfund. She represents clients such as:

- **Corporate and real estate companies**
- **Chemical companies**
- **Paper mills**
- **Electric generation companies**

Prior to joining Quarles, Cindy served as the confidential senior policy advisor to the region 5 regional administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## Experience in Action

- **Works with clients to evaluate and mitigate environmental concerns** in complex transactions, including mergers, acquisitions and property transfers.
- **Counsels clients on all facets of the Clean Air Act.** Clients turn to Cynthia for permitting, air quality modeling, New Source Performance Standards, hazardous air pollutants, mobile sources, fuel additives and ozone-depleting substances.
- **Advices on climate change and sustainability issues** like the regulation and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, environmental justice considerations associated with the siting and

### Education and Honors

The University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1993)

University of Michigan (B.A., *high distinction*, 1989)

- Phi Beta Kappa

### Bar Admissions

Illinois





operation of industrial facilities, and the consistency of environmental marketing claims with the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Green Guides.

- **Represents clients in all aspects of state and federal enforcement**, including responding to government information requests.

## Successes

- Successfully negotiated a major Clean Air Act settlement on behalf of a power generation client. This settlement, one of the first in the EPA's power plant enforcement initiative, not only resolved all potential past violations of the federal New Source Review (NSR) and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules but provided a future resolution of certain claims concerning those permitting rules.
- Advised a client in the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin ozone nonattainment area on the generation of nitrogen oxide (NOx) and volatile organic compound (VOC) emission reduction credits (ERC) from the retirement of a large emission source.
- Represented a large Midwestern utility in permitting the major modification of two coal-fired generating units subject to the NSR and PSD programs. This permitting action included the generation of emission offsets for the fine particulate matter and the establishment of greenhouse gas best available control technology (BACT) limitations.
- Represented a natural gas utility in connection with a request for an aquifer exemption under the Safe Drinking Water Act to facilitate construction of an underground injection well.
- Negotiated agreements for a financial institution client's purchase of renewable energy certificates (REC.)

## Capabilities

Energy & Infrastructure

Due Diligence and Transaction Support

Emergency Response and Crisis Management

Renewable Energy

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation, Enforcement and Disputes

OSHA and Workplace Safety

Regulatory

## Professional Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> (2018-present: Environmental Law)
- *Law Bulletin Media* "Illinois Leading Lawyer" (2017-present: Environmental)





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## Professional & Civic Activities

- American Bar Association, member: environment, energy and resources law section
- Chicago Bar Association, member: environmental law committee
- Illinois State Bar, member
- Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan Section, member
- American Bar Foundation, fellow. Membership by invitation only; limited to one-third of 1% of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction
- Leading Lawyers Network, member

