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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Jeffrey M. Karp is a partner in the Environment & Natural Resources Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. He advises on the full range of compliance issues under federal and state environmental laws and defends clients in government regulatory enforcement actions. Mr. Karp litigates CERCLA response action and cost recovery claims by government agencies and private party contribution actions; negotiates remedial and monetary settlements with federal and state regulatory agencies and enforcement authorities and private parties; engages with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state environmental agencies and consultants regarding remedy issues; and negotiates remedial license agreements and construction contracts. He also advises clients concerning the application of NEPA, historical preservation and other environmental requirements to energy and other infrastructure projects. Mr. Karp further assists clients in conducting due diligence, and resolving environmental claims arising from transactional agreements.

Mr. Karp also is the co-leader of the firm's Climate-Related Business and Technology Group. In that capacity, he advises clients regarding environmental laws and regulations that impact business operations, renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction projects and related transactions.

Mr. Karp has been in private practice since 1990, after serving at the U.S. Department of Justice where he supervised and litigated environmental enforcement cases under CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

- Defending former chemical manufacturer against U.S. EPA's CERCLA response action and cost recovery claims involving contaminated watershed and surrounding property, and serving as co-counsel in private party litigation involving the site
- Advised county solid waste commission regarding potential approaches to monetizing landfill gas assets, and prepared contract terms to facilitate transaction with renewable energy developer
- Achieved favorable settlement of U.S. EPA's CERCLA cost recovery claim against a trust based on presentation of "Ability to Pay" analysis under Agency's guidance documents

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- Negotiated substantial reduction in vehicle parts manufacturer's payment to U.S. EPA to settle CERCLA cost recovery litigation, by demonstrating that Agency selected and performed remedial action based on faulty conceptual site model
- Enforced environmental indemnity provisions in purchase and sale, and settlement agreements, resulting in clients' receipt of payments and performance by counter-parties of remedial measures totaling several million dollars
- Obtained dismissal of environmental "whistleblower" complaints filed by disgruntled former employee of heavy equipment components manufacturer, under federal and state law

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia, 1977
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

PUBLICATIONS

- "Landfill Gas Checklist," *Solid Waste & Recycling* (June/July 2011)
- "Challenges, opportunity for water supply," *Boston Business Journal* (June 2011)
- "Virginia Gov't to Assist Five Israeli Cleantech Cos," *Globes* (quoted) (January 10, 2011)
- "Viewpoint: From Trash to Treasure," *American City & County* (November 24, 2010)
- "The Green of Gas," *Waste Age* (November 2010)
- "A Look at the Challenges and Considerations in Developing Landfill Gas-to-Energy Projects" (with Stephen Batiste and Amir Heyat), SWANA Proceedings of WASTECON 2010, Boston, MA, August 15-17, 2010
- "U.S. and Israeli Officials Convene in Washington for Water Technology Forum," *WaterTech Online* (quoted) (March 25, 2010)
- "Handling Climate Change Disclosure" (with Howard Berkenblit), *Compliance Reporter* (March 8, 2010)
- "Renewable Energy Update: DC Expert Shares Knowledge About New Business Opportunities," *DC Urban Technology Examiner* (interview) (March 7, 2010)
- "Legal Eagles Help Cleantech Stars Rise," *Green Chip Stocks* (quoted) (February 18, 2010)
- "Spotlight Israel Embassy Teams up with Advocates to Showcase Israeli Technology," *Washington Jewish Week* (quoted) (February 11, 2010)
- "Opportunities for Israeli Companies to Attain Financing in the Carbon Credit Markets," (with B. Armour, Y. Estline, and J. Perlin), *ZAG&K News* (January 2010)
- "Opportunities for Israeli Companies in the Carbon Credit Markets." (with B. Armour, Y. Estline, and J. Perlin), *Haaretz Global Tech Magazine* (December 22, 2009)
- "Israeli Clean-Tech Companies Said to Have 'Big Opportunities' in the US," *The Jerusalem Post* (quoted) (July 17, 2009)
- "Carbon Credit Market Stays Strong," *Mass High Tech* (quoted) (July 3, 2009)
- "Businesses Stick to Green Goals Despite the Economy," *Boston Business Journal* (quoted) (July 3, 2009)
- "Insurers Dip Toes In Carbon Market But Don't Jump In," *Law360* (quoted) (June 25, 2009)
- "Future Uncertain For Voluntary Carbon Market," *Law360* (quoted) (June 23, 2009)
- "Opportunities in the Emerging Carbon Credit Market" (with Benjamin Armour), *Journal of BioLaw & Business* (June 2009)
- "EPA Sets Standards for Buyers to Gain Exemption from Liability" (with Victor Baltera and Laura Ford Brust), *Banker & Tradesman, Commercial Real Estate Monthly Section* (May 28, 2007)

- "New York State Offers Tax Incentive for Green Buildings" (with Laura Ford Brust), *Practical US/Domestic Tax Strategies* (April 2007), and *NAIOP Green Development News* (May 2007)
- "Communications Tower Siting: The FCC's Historic Preservation and Environmental Compliance Activities," *Andrews Litigation Reporter: Telecommunications Industry* (November 17, 2004)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Israeli Cleantech Developments," Simcha Havurah, Bethesda, MD (July 31, 2011)
- "The Environmental Symposium Series: Highlighting U.S.-Israel Research & Development Cooperation in Green Technology," Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C. (December 15, 2010)
- "Opportunities in the Emerging Carbon Markets," Capital Markets Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey (November 11, 2009)
- "Renewable Energy, Clean Tech and International Carbon Markets: What Lies Ahead and How to Take Advantage of Opportunities," Tel Aviv, Israel (July 16, 2009)
- "Carbon Trading Liability Forum: Risk Management in the New Markets for VERs, CERs, and RECs," Boston, MA (March 4, 2009) and New York, NY (May 20, 2009)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Antioch School of Law, 1977
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Brandeis University, 1974