



## Stanford D. Baird

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### OVERVIEW

Mr. Baird is a partner in the Raleigh office with over twenty (20) years' experience solving environmental problems. His practice focuses on a broad spectrum of environmental matters, including litigation, regulatory matters, enforcement defense and environmental aspects of real estate development and business transactions. Mr. Baird regularly represents manufacturing clients on environmental permitting, regulatory, and compliance matters, and he routinely negotiates with state and federal environmental agencies and other environmental stakeholders. Additionally, Mr. Baird handles administrative appeals and oversees environmental due diligence and clean up activities.

Mr. Baird is a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED-AP), a distinction he earned through the Green Building Certification Institute.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Baird has been with the firm since 1996, and he served as law clerk to the Honorable Samuel G. Wilson, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 1995-1996.

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "President Donald Trump: Environmental Changes We Can Expect in 2017," presentation to National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association Annual Legal Symposium, March 2017
- "eDisclosure: EPA's New Electronic Self-Disclosure System," presentation to National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association Annual Legal Symposium, March 2016
- "Defending Against Government Document Requests, Investigations, and Searches," presentation to National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association Annual Legal Symposium, March 2015
- "To Disclose or Not Disclose? EPA and NCDENR Self-Disclosure Policies and Protecting Compliance Audits," presentation to North Carolina Chamber, Environmental Compliance Conference, January 2015
- "Shale Gas in North Carolina: The Long and Winding Legal Path," presentation to Charlotte Area Environmental Breakfast Club, September 25, 2014
- "Hydraulic Fracturing: Legal Issues and the Extraction Process," presentation for National Business Institute, March 2013

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- “Developing North Carolina Shale Gas: Lessons Learned from the Marcellus and Utica Shale Plays,” presentation to Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Inter-City Visit to Pittsburgh, PA, March 29, 2012
- “NEPA, CAMA, and Coastal Development Issues,” presentation to North Carolina Bar Association, October 14, 2011
- “Legal Issues Associated with Green Design and Construction Projects,” presentation to the Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Association, September 21, 2011
- “North Carolina Regulatory Issues for Wind Energy,” presentation to North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association, November 15, 2010
- “Which Way Is Coastal Wind Policy Blowing?” presentation to North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association, November 16, 2009
- “Senate Bill 3 and Wind Power - Issues for the Coast,” North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWAY), April 2008

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Avangrid Wins Latest BOEM Auction for Offshore North Carolina Lease and Moves Towards Full Commercial Lease, 24 March 2017
- Developers Submit Unsolicited Requests for Wind Leases Offshore Massachusetts and New York, March 16, 2017
- Another Step Toward North Carolina Offshore Wind: Proposed Offshore Wind Farm Lease Announced, August 17, 2016
- The “Most Contentious Issue” — Federal Preemption in the Amended Toxic Substances Control Act, July 28, 2016
- Another Season of Change in North Carolina Environmental Law - Part II, November 18, 2015
- Another Season of Change in North Carolina Environmental Law – Part I, November 12, 2015
- “North Carolina Set to Open Doors to Shale Gas Production,” *K&L Gates Public Policy and Law Alert*, June 5, 2014
- “Global Government Solutions 2013: Annual Outlook,” *K&L Gates Publication*, January 2013.
- “North Carolina Legalizes Horizontal Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing,” *K&L Gates Oil & Gas Alert*, July 13, 2012.
- “With North Carolina’s Shale Gas Study Nearly Complete, Legislation to Legalize Hydraulic Fracturing is Expected to Move Forward in 2012,” *K&L Gates Oil & Gas Alert*, April 20, 2012.
- “North Carolina Takes a Step Closer to Shale Gas Production,” *K&L Gates Oil & Gas Alert*, July 22, 2011.

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- “North Carolina Coastal Land Use Newsletter,” *K&L Gates Publication*, Spring 2011.
- “Greenhouse Gas Emission Control: BACT to the Future,” *K&L Gates Environmental, Land and Natural Resources Alert*, December 8, 2009.
- “Uncertain Conclusion to Coastal Stormwater Rules Debate,” *Real Estate Coastal Development Newsletter, Kennedy Covington Publication*. June 2008.

### PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- North Carolina Bar Association, Environmental Law Section Council
- North Carolina Oil & Gas Commission, Member
- North Carolina Chamber, Environmental Committee
- North Carolina Aggregates Association, Environmental Committee
- North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, Environmental Committee
- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, Assistant Scout Master

### ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina

### EDUCATION

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1995 (*cum laude*; *Wake Forest Law Review*; A.J. Fletcher Scholar)

A.B., Duke University, 1992 (*cum laude*)

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers*, North Carolina - Environment, 2009-2018
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Lawyer of the Year, Environmental Law - Raleigh, 2017, 2019
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Environmental Law, 2007-2019
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation - Environmental, 2019
- *Legal Elite, Business North Carolina Magazine*, Environmental Law 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010-2019
- “40 Under 40,” award from *Triangle Business Journal* for outstanding achievements in both business and community involvement, May 2008
- Legal Elite Young Guns, *Business North Carolina Magazine*, 2008
- North Carolina *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2010

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### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Advised national warehouse developer regarding development of a \$200 million regional distribution facility on contaminated property, negotiations with state and local agencies, negotiations with prior owners and responsible parties, and obtained \$20 million environmental insurance policies as risk mitigation measure.
- Counseled global biotechnology firm on complex and contentious industrial wastewater permitting (NPDES) issues and potential impacts on endangered species and nutrient sensitive streams.
- Defended legal challenge to air permit issued to cement manufacturer for the construction of new cement plant.
- Counseled global pesticide manufacturer regarding enforcement issues related to potential noncompliance with federal pesticide laws.
- Evaluated compliance issues related to use of microorganisms in second generation ethanol production.
- Evaluated environmental issues regarding disposition of 25 property hotel portfolio.
- Defended global manufacturer in water pollution enforcement action by federal, state, and local authorities.
- Negotiated Brownfields agreements with government agencies for redevelopment of contaminated property.
- Advised a publicly traded real estate development company regarding the purchase and development of a former Superfund site. Handled due diligence matters, and worked with environmental engineers and government agencies regarding investigation, remediation, and liability issues.
- Advised land owners and real estate developers regarding wetlands, permitted stream and surface waters buffers, as well as floodplain and watershed protection rules limiting development.
- Litigated claims of owners of contaminated property against prior owners and defended claims of adjacent property owner regarding migration of contamination.