



## Sean M. Sullivan

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Sean Sullivan advises clients throughout the country regarding all of the major federal environmental programs, with a particular emphasis on hazardous waste, Brownfields redevelopment, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and emerging contaminants like PFAS and 1,4-dioxane. He leverages his broad range of experience and his technical background in environmental science to find creative, cost-effective solutions for the most challenging environmental matters.

### Experience

- Represented an international waste management company in litigation regarding RCRA corrective action requirements.
- Resolved hazardous waste enforcement actions against paper and chemical manufacturers, retailers and transportation companies.
- Guided numerous developers through the North Carolina Brownfields Program and the South Carolina Voluntary Cleanup Contract Program.
- Assisted pulp and paper manufacturers with sales and acquisitions of production facilities and implementation of the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS.
- Represented water utilities regarding the presence of emerging contaminants in intake water.
- Negotiated a consent judgment to resolve wetlands and stormwater compliance issues at a large residential development site.
- Represented a manufacturer of after-market automotive parts in an EPA investigation regarding defeat devices.

### Practice Areas

Coronavirus Resource Center  
Environmental

### Bar Admissions

North Carolina  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Virginia

### Education

American University, J.D., cum laude, 2001; Recent Developments Editor, Administrative Law Review  
University of Miami, B.S., with honors, 1998

- Represented multiple poultry processors regarding Clean Water Act permitting and compliance matters.
- Served on Gov. Cooper's transition team for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality following the 2016 election.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Committee, Chair
- North Carolina Bar Association, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section, Chair, 2016; Membership and Ethics Committee, Co-Chair

### **Honors & Awards**

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, environmental, 2014-20
- The Best Lawyers in America, environmental law, 2020-21
- Business North Carolina, Legal Elite Hall of Fame, environmental law
- North Carolina Super Lawyers, environmental, 2016-present; Rising Star, 2012-15

### **Insights**

- The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards Rule: Making Sense of EPA's Decision  
April 16, 2020  
Robinson Bradshaw Publication
- COVID-19 Legal Update: Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols for Affected Work Spaces  
April 15, 2020  
Robinson Bradshaw Publication
- COVID-19 Legal Update: EPA's Enforcement Discretion Policy  
April 1, 2020  
Robinson Bradshaw Publication