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PRACTICES

Air

Waste & Hazardous Substances

Water

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of
Law

Whitman College

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado State Bar

U.S. District Court for the District
of Colorado

DANA J. STOTSKY

SENIOR COUNSEL



Professional Background

Dana Stotsky focuses on environmental compliance and regulatory matters. Dana assists clients in understanding environmental regulatory obligations, identifying the best way to maintain or re-establish compliance with those obligations, and defending them in enforcement actions. His practice includes all areas of administrative law, including permitting, licensing, compliance assurance, responding to regulatory inquiries and inspections, responding to notices of violation, and participating in rulemaking proceedings.

Dana has 30 years of experience with federal air, water, waste, and pesticide programs. He provides compliance training across these areas, including what to expect during inspections and regulatory evaluations. Dana's extensive experience allows him to quickly and efficiently negotiate positive outcomes for his clients.

From 1987 to 2014, Dana was a Senior Enforcement Attorney for Toxics with the U.S. EPA regional office in Denver where he was the lead prosecuting attorney for TSCA (toxics), FIFRA (pesticide) and EPCRA (reporting) matters and also served as a litigation consultant to EPA offices nationwide. He has taught trial practice, negotiations and inspector training for EPA's national training center over 30 times.

Dana served a detail from 2011-2012 with a major Indian Tribe, during which time he lived on the Reservation and provided legal counsel and litigation advice on legacy uranium mine and milling-related damages in Indian Country. Before his work at EPA, Dana was the law clerk to the water judge in Greeley and worked for the Colorado General Assembly for two sessions, where he focused on municipal tax matters. Dana has taught courses as an adjunct professor in law on civil procedure, evidence, administrative and environmental law and policy.

Representative Experience

- Providing legal support for an Indian Tribe's position in Tronox Incorporated, et al, Case No. 09-10156 (Bankr. S. D. NY Dec. 16, 2013), which resulted in an award to the tribe of over \$1 billion. In.
- Providing legal and policy analysis, and lead trial representation in administrative enforcement actions involving air, water, toxics and hazardous waste matters. Instructed and advised attorneys throughout EPA on litigation tactics, federal Indian law, and legacy radioactive waste matters.

Government Service

Colorado Division of Water Resources

Greeley, 1984-1987

Colorado General Assembly

Denver, 1984-1987

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 8, Denver

1987-2014

Awards and Honors

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Awards

Superior Performance Award (Navajo Nation EPA Honor), 2012

Gold Medal for Exceptional Service (Highest National EPA Honor), 2012

Bronze Medal for Commendable Service (National EPA Honor), 2000

Gold Medal for Exceptional Service (Highest National EPA Honor), 1995

Attorney– Advisor, Hawaii Department of Health, Honolulu, HA., 1994-1996.

Selected from a national competition of EPA attorneys to assist the State of Hawai'i with hazardous waste enforcement actions.

Toxic Avenger Award (EPA Award for Litigation Excellence), 1993

Bronze Medal for Commendable Service (Highest Regional EPA Honor), 1992

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Alerts

- EPA and California Move to Further Regulate PFAS Chemicals, 10/08/2024
- EPA Finalizes Chemical Risk Evaluation Rule to Enhance Protection of Public Health, 04/25/2024
- EPA Approves Oklahoma Regulatory Control Over 'Restored' Tribal Land, 10/09/2020
- EPA Issues Compliance Advisory Regarding Pesticide Devices Making Claims to Kill the Novel Coronavirus, 06/09/2020
- EPA Publishes Final List of 'Next' 20 High-Priority Chemicals, 01/09/2020
- EPA's 20 Proposed Low-Priority and High-Priority Chemical Substances: Comments are Due November 2019, 08/28/2019