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KIM K. BURKE serves as co-chair of Taft's Environmental Practice. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1980. After working for the Bureau of Legal Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Mr. Burke became associated with a Pittsburgh law firm specializing in litigation and environmental matters. In 1981 Mr. Burke joined the Taft law firm, where he has concentrated in a variety of environmental law areas, including Superfund defense and negotiation, development and implementation of hazardous substance remedial investigation and corrective measure plans, defense of toxic tort and other civil and criminal claims, real estate transfers, acquisitions and divestitures, government funding, including stimulus and brownfields, environmental insurance litigation, air permits and administrative proceedings before state and federal environmental agencies. Mr. Burke also counsels clients as part of Taft's Sustainability Initiative, including design, construction, engineering, permitting, operation and maintenance of sustainable buildings.

Mr. Burke was an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law where he taught a course on advanced problems in environmental law. He also served through 1991 as chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Environment and Occupational Safety and Health Committee, was a member of the City of Cincinnati Environmental Advisory Council, has served as legal representative of the City of Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee. He is past chairman of the Cincinnati Bar Association Environmental Law Committee and was formerly chairman of the legal affairs subcommittee for the Hamilton County Advisory Committee on Chemical Emergency Response. Mr. Burke is a member of the SARA Title III Local Emergency Planning Committee and also is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager.



Practice Groups:

Environmental, Litigation,
Sustainability Initiative

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal

3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, 5th
Circuit Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit Court of
Appeals, Western District of Michigan,
Southern District of Ohio, Western
District of Pennsylvania

State

Ohio, Pennsylvania

**Year First Admitted to
Practice Law:**

1980

Education:

University of Pittsburgh School of Law
(1980), Indiana University of
Pennsylvania (1977)

Mr. Burke has been named to the Woodward-White listing of *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1991 and has been named a Leading Lawyer by *Cincy Business* magazine. He has been honored with inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* and has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* by the publishers of *Cincinnati Magazine* and *Law & Politics* magazine. Mr. Burke has represented clients in numerous environmental litigation, Superfund, RCRA and cleanup matters in more than 25 states around the country.

**Professional Affiliations /
Recognitions:**

AV Peer Review Rating
(LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell), Best
Lawyers in America (20 years), Best
Lawyers in America - Lawyer of the
Year, Chambers USA: America's
Leading Lawyers for Business,
Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincy
Business Magazine, Leading Lawyers,
Institute of Hazardous Materials
Management, Ohio Super Lawyers,
Potter Stewart Inn of Court