

David Scriven-Young

Partner



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Bio

Companies rely on David Scriven-Young to help them navigate environmental regulations, manage risk, and resolve complex disputes when regulatory issues intersect with litigation. By combining environmental compliance insight with courtroom experience, David helps clients address problems before they escalate and defend them effectively when they do.

Dave serves as environmental, health, and safety counsel and trial lawyer for companies and professionals across a wide range of industries. He advises in-house counsel, executives, and company leadership on compliance with federal and state environmental laws, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and related OSHA regulations.

In litigation matters, Dave defends clients against notices of violation and citations issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state environmental agencies, and OSHA. He represents clients in environmental and toxic tort matters in federal and state courts as well as before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Dave also advises clients on environmental issues arising in corporate transactions, including permitting and regulatory due diligence, and manages environmental investigation and remediation efforts at sites across the country. His practice includes conducting environmental compliance audits and advising companies on legal responses to emergency environmental incidents.

His construction litigation practice includes prosecuting and defending mechanic's lien actions, payment and performance bond claims, breach-of-contract disputes, breach-of-warranty claims, delay and inefficiency claims, contract termination disputes, and matters involving job-site injuries.

Dave also represents employers in employment-related disputes, including wage and hour claims, breach of employment contract matters, and claims involving sexual harassment and discrimination based on gender, race, or national origin. He handles these matters in state and federal courts as well as before the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and regularly negotiates employment contracts and separation agreements.

Through leadership roles in national organizations such as the American Bar Association's Litigation Section; Forum on Construction Law; and Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Dave has built a strong network of attorneys across the country. This network allows him to coordinate litigation in multiple jurisdictions while working with local counsel who understand the nuances of regional courts.

In addition to his practice, Dave is active in pro bono work and regularly shares insights on litigation strategy, legal developments, and law firm best practices. For four years, he hosted the *Litigation Radio* podcast, where he discussed trial tactics, professional development, and strategies for building a successful litigation practice.

Dave has been named to the Illinois Super Lawyers for Environmental Law since 2014 and was named to the Best Lawyers in America list in 2024.

Credentials

Education

DePaul University College of Law

Marquette University

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
 - Past Litigation Section Podcast Host, "Litigation Radio"
 - Member of Litigation Section Council
 - Associate Editor, Litigation Journal
 - Standing Committee on Professionalism, Past Member
 - Standing Committee on Membership, Past Member
 - Young Lawyers Division, Past Assembly Speaker
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Past Chair, Commercial Litigation Committee
 - Past Chair, Environmental Law Committee
 - Past Member, Board of Managers
- Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Board of Directors, Member and Vice Chair of Governance Committee of the Board
 - Past Chair, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee
- Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), Alumni Network Leadership Council Member and Past Chair
- ProVisors
 - Member, Naperville 1
 - Group Leader, Suburban Chicago Lawyers Community Interest Group
- Fenwick High School Bar Association (Alumni Organization), Past Officer

Publications

- [Environment Energy & Resources Law Committee Newsletter , September 2023](#)
- ["Illinois Insurance Coverage Case Law Update," American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resource's Environmental Litigation and Toxic Tort Committee Newsletter. , May 2022](#)
- ["Electronics Manufacturers: Are You Ready for New Recycling and Reuse Requirements," Illinois Manufacturers' Association's Sustainable Memo Newsletter. , December 2012](#)
- [State Warnings Liability Survey, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee \(contributing author\). , October 2007](#)
- ["Managing Environmental Claims in Bankruptcy," Environmental Law In Illinois, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education \(co-author\). , August 2004](#)

Presentations

- "Climate Policy- How it is Changing the Construction Industry" Construction Super Conference, November 2023 (Presenter)
- "Safety Forum: Recreational Marijuana & the Safe Construction Site," Chicagoland AGC Safety & Health Committee Forum, September 2023 (Presenter)
- "Business Development in the Digital Age: Social Media, Networking, and Thought Leadership for the Modern Lawyer," 2022 ABA Litigation Section Annual Conference.
- "Legislative Update," Chicago Bar Association Environmental Law and Practice Seminar.
- "Environmental Law Update," Public Interest Law Initiative, Summer Educational Program for PILI Interns and Fellows.
- "How Businesses Can Take Advantage of U.S. EPA's Audit Policy," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, Environmental Law Committee.
- "Environmental Issues in Land Development," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, Environmental Law Committee.
- "What Should Manufacturers Do When Receiving a Notice of Violation from EPA?," Linked Local Network's Manufacturing Tools Group.
- "Greenhouse Gas Regulations: Advising Clients in an Uncertain Legal Environment," Chicago Bar Association, "Hot Topics in Environmental Law" Program.
- "Careers in Environmental Law: Finding Your Path in a Dynamic Field," DePaul University College of Law (panelist).

Key Cases or Transactions

Environmental

- Defense against US EPA Notice of Violation against glass manufacturer client for alleged violations of Clean Air Act.
- Defense against citizen complaint in Illinois Pollution Control Board against developer, contractor, and environmental consulting company for alleged Clean Water Act violations at construction site where new homes were being constructed.
- Defense of manufacturing company in class and individual wrongful death actions alleging groundwater contamination as a result of historical chlorinated solvent use.
- Defense of gas station sued by adjacent property owner for alleged failure to properly maintain underground storage tanks.
- Served as national coordinating counsel defending brake manufacturer against asbestos claims.

- Provided environmental counseling on transaction where the largest U.S. PVC pipe manufacturer acquired its largest domestic competitor.

Construction

- Prosecuted claims on behalf of contractor for owner's wrongful termination of construction contract.
- Defense of construction manager and contractor against personal injury claims arising from an accident at a job site.
- Defended contractor against construction defect claims and prosecuted claims against subcontractor and MEP engineer.
- Prosecuted claims against owner and developer for foreclosure of mechanic's liens and other claims seeking payment for work performed.

Employment

- Defended law firm against Illinois Department of Human Rights claim for sexual harassment and wrongful termination and associated ethics complaint brought before the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.
- Defended physician against federal claims brought by former receptionist for pregnancy discrimination and wrongful termination.
- Defended private high school against state court action alleging wage and hour act violations.
- Counseled golf club management regarding classification of employees.

News

Gould & Ratner Welcomes David Scriven-Young as Partner, March 23, 2026