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BIOGRAPHY

Andrew Brought counsels manufacturers, industrial clients, and businesses with complex environmental and workplace safety / OSHA matters. He currently serves on the firm's Executive Committee and has held other leadership positions at the firm including co-chair of the Environment and Energy practice group.

Andrew has extensive experience helping companies with workplace safety incidents and industrial accidents that involve the intersection of health, safety, and environmental regulations and government agencies including OSHA, the EPA, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Board, and the Justice Department. From complex workplace fatalities and injuries to more routine compliance inspections, Andrew is frequently called upon by a variety of industrial sectors to assist in handling crisis management situations, strategic response, and incident investigations. He has a particular focus on chemical accident prevention programs, including EPA's Risk Management Plan (RMP) program and OSHA's Process Safety Management (PSM) program and cases involving chemical releases.

In connection with his white collar criminal and civil practice, Andrew helps his clients manage and reduce liability through his substantial experience in enforcement matters associated with the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, RCRA, EPCRA, OSHA, and related environmental laws. He also assists his clients by conducting compliance audits and internal investigations as appropriate. And in those situations where win-win outcomes are not achievable, he helps his clients litigate and resolve environmental disputes.

Andrew has significant experience with contaminated site redevelopment and the cleanup and reuse of legacy/Brownfield sites, allowing these properties to be put back to productive use. His work on Superfund, CERCLA, and related RCRA corrective action sites includes national representation of a telecommunications company with a portfolio of sites throughout the United States. He works with property owners, developers, and financial institutions in achieving their transactional goals, through voluntary cleanup programs, the use of institutional controls and related risk-based cleanups, or by managing risk through other mechanisms such as contractual obligations and insurance.

He also helps businesses obtain and comply with operating permits and complex EHS regulations in a variety of industries and sectors including: aircraft, chemicals, construction, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, refining and pipelines, retail and shopping centers, and waste management.

RECENT REPRESENTATION

- Successful defense of OSHA enforcement case against mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractor in workplace fatality
- Successful defense of EHS Manager of metal plating facility in criminal investigation

PRACTICE AREAS

- [Brownfields and Contaminated Properties](#)
- [Air Emissions, Climate Change, and Sustainability Practice](#)
- [Corporate Governance](#)
- [Environmental Law](#)
- [Environmental Cleanups](#)
- [Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Defense](#)
- [Environmental Litigation](#)
- [Environmental Permitting](#)
- [Internal Investigations](#)
- [Redevelopment and Environmentally Impacted Real Estate](#)
- [Oil and Gas](#)
- [Energy Law](#)
- [OSHA and Workplace Safety](#)
- [Government Investigations and White Collar Defense](#)

INDUSTRIES

- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Mining](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Waste Management](#)
- [Oil and Gas](#)

EDUCATION

- Virginia Tech, 1997 (B.S.), *magna cum laude*
- University of Maryland School of Law, 2002 (J.D.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2007
- Texas, 2004
- Maryland, 2002

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

CLERK EXPERIENCE

- Hon. J. Frederick Sharer, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, 2002-2003

- Represent lead-acid battery recycling facility, including air, water, and waste permitting and compliance and enforcement matters.
- Represented chemical manufacturing plant in the recycling of a corrosive chemical byproduct through the beneficial reuse of the material in other applications and, thus, minimizing the generation of hazardous waste from the facility and promoting resource recovery efforts.

To review Andrew Brought's additional relevant experience, please click [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association – Environment and Energy Law Section (2018)
- Vice Chair for the American Bar Association's SEER Environmental Enforcement and Crimes Committee (2012 – 2015)
- Board of Directors for the Air and Waste Management Association, Midwest Chapter (2012 – 2016)
- Board of Directors for the Highlawn Montessori School (2013 – 2016)
- Leadership positions at St. John's United Methodist Church (2009 – 2017)
- Youth baseball and soccer coach

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

DISTINCTIONS

- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*[®], Rising Star 2013-2014, 2014-2015

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