



John Watson and Sadaf Deedar Talk Environmental Claim Characterization for Law360

Spencer Fane attorneys [John Watson](#) and [Sadaf Deedar](#) recently authored an Expert Analysis feature, [Cleanup Claim Characterization Key for Timeliness Inquiry](#), for *Law360*.

The article originated as a firm [blog post](#) and discusses takeaways from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit's verdict in *Atlantic Richfield Co. v. NL Industries*. The team particularly emphasized the importance of correct characterization for environmental claims.

"This case highlights the importance of accurately characterizing an environmental claim as either cost recovery or contribution. Misclassification could result in a claim being deemed untimely and dismissed," they shared.

At Spencer Fane, John is a distinguished voice in environmental and energy law who leverages his in-depth commercial trial and litigation knowledge to understand clients' needs and goals and serves as a formidable advocate on their behalf. Sadaf is a burgeoning thought leader whose legal and professional experience informs her approach to handling patent prosecution and litigation, trademark prosecution and litigation, internet law, and trade secrets.

Read the team's full article [here](#). Please note, a subscription may be required.