

# Tracy D. Hester

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Tracy Hester heads the environmental law section in the Houston office. He counsels clients in regulatory matters, emphasizing enforcement defense, permitting, environmental diligence in acquisitions and transactions, and cost recovery litigation. Mr. Hester's practice also focuses on the innovative application of environmental laws to emerging technologies, such as wind and other renewable power projects, and on novel compliance strategies. He is one of the few lawyers in America qualified to speak on applying environmental laws to new nanoscale materials.

Some of the most admired, independent legal-ranking surveys state that Mr. Hester impresses clients with his "time-conscious responses and friendly manner" and that he "has great problem-solving skills: he has the ability to think through really difficult problems and is highly creative."

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## **Education**

J.D., Stone Scholar, Columbia University School of Law, 1986

B.A., high honors, Phi Beta Kappa, The University of Texas at Austin, 1983

## **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia

New York

Texas

## **Court Admissions**

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 5th and District of Columbia Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

## **Affiliations**

### **Bar Affiliations**

State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law Section  
District of Columbia Bar  
State Bar of New York  
American Bar Association, Environment, Energy and Resources Section: Chair, Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Committee, ABA SEER, 2008-2010; Vice-chair, Renewable Energy Committee, 2004-2008; Vice-Chair, Corporate Counsel Committee, 1999-2000  
Houston Bar Association, Environmental Section Chair, 2000-2001

### **Legal Affiliations**

American Bar Foundation, Fellow  
American Law Institute  
Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow  
Nanotechnology Standards Panel of the American National Standards Institute, Steering Committee  
International Council on Nanotechnologies, Advisory Committee  
Houston Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, Pro Bono Counsel, 1998-2004  
Greater Houston Partnership, Vice-Chair, Environmental Advisory Committee, 1999-present; Waste Subcommittee Chair, 1999-2003

### **University of Houston Law Center, Adjunct Professor**

Climate Change Liability and Litigation, 2007  
Environmental Enforcement, 1999-2004  
Advanced RCRA Seminar, Fall 1997  
Practice of Environmental Law, 1995, 1996

### **Civic Affiliations**

Representative, Houston Ship Channel Dioxin TMDL Stakeholders Group  
Virtuosi of Houston, Board of Directors, 2002-2005  
Galveston Bay Foundation, Trustee, 2004-present  
Galveston Bay Council, member, 2004-present  
Texas Risk Reduction Program Advisory Group, Steering Committee, 2004-present  
Texas Association of Environmental Professionals, Board of Directors, 2004  
Galveston Bay Council, member, 2004-present  
Texas Risk Reduction Program Advisory Group, Steering Committee, 2004-present  
Texas Association of Environmental Professionals, Board of Directors, 2004

### **Noteworthy**

Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers, Environmental, 2003-2009  
Highly Recommended Individual Attorney, Practical Law Company, Environmental Law  
Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2010  
Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2009  
Texas Super Lawyers, 2003-2009

American Law Institute, 2004

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