

# Karen Aldridge Crawford

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Karen Crawford practices in the areas of environmental law and litigation, toxic torts, and product liability. In 1997, the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice recognized Ms. Crawford as a Qualified Environmental Professional, a distinction awarded after 15 years experience and examination on a specific technical environmental project.

## Experience

Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

### Experience

- Counsels clients on environmental audits and compliance
- Assists clients in disaster/catastrophic release response, including public relations
- Represents clients in administrative hearings and negotiations with federal and state environmental agencies
- Defends environmental litigation
- Monitors and comments on state and federal regulatory activities
- Clean Air Act permitting and enforcement defense, remediation oversight; experience in CERCLA cost recovery and contribution cases, Solid Waste and RCRA permitting, administrative appeals and enforcement actions, Clean Water Act permitting citizen suit and enforcement defense, Toxic Substance Control Act, and FIFRA
- Led environmental permitting efforts for new manufacturing facilities, as well as expansions

## Education

Delaware Law School, JD

University of San Francisco School of Law

Missouri University of Science and Technology, MS, Engineering Management

Missouri University of Science and Technology, BS, Engineering Management with an emphasis in chemical engineering

## Admissions

South Carolina

Pennsylvania

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

## Practice Areas

[Energy](#)

[Environmental](#)

[Government Contracts & Grants](#)

[Litigation](#)

- Provided counseling on occupational health and safety and Homeland Security regulatory compliance matters, including enforcement defense
- Advises clients on product labeling compliance involving products regulated by CPSC, FDA, DOT, FIFRA, Buy America/Buy American, and other federal regulatory programs
- Speaker and author on environmental issues

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### Previous Professional Experience

- Held professional positions in engineering, technical supervision and environmental management with a U.S. corporation

### Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [Water Environment Association of South Carolina Life Member Award \(2018\)](#)
- [AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell](#)
- [American Bar Association Outstanding Subcommittee Chair for the Environmental Litigation Committee \(2015–2016\)](#)
- [Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina Bronze Leadership Award \(2016\)](#)
- [Who's Who Legal: Environment \(2014-2017\)](#)
- [Chambers USA's America's Leading Lawyers for Business \(2014-2019\)](#)
- [South Carolina Super Lawyers \(environmental practice\) \(2010, 2012–2019\)](#)
- [The Best Lawyers in America® – Environmental Law, Environmental Litigation \(2008–2020\)](#)
- [Best Lawyers' 2012 Columbia, S.C., Litigation – Environmental Lawyer of the Year](#)
- [Greater Columbia Business Monthly "Legal Elite" – Environmental \(2011, 2017, 2018\)](#)

[Multi-Claim & Class Action Litigation](#)

[Toxic Torts](#)

[Transportation](#)

### Industries

[Construction](#)

[Energy & Utilities](#)

[Hospitality & Tourism](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

[Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

[Real Estate](#)

[Transportation](#)

## Professional Activities

- Professional Development Committee, co-chair, American Bar Association Litigation Section (present)
- The American College of Environmental Lawyers, Fellow, Past Committee Co-Chair, and Board of Regents
- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow
- Environmental & Energy Litigation Committee, co-chair, American Bar Association (2016–2018)
- Environmental & Energy Litigation Committee, American Bar Association, newsletter co-editor
- Environment, Energy, and Resources Section, American Bar Association, Past Committee Chair
- Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association, Former President
- RCRA and CERCLA Committee Member and Past Chair; Environmental Litigation Committee, Current Chair; Clean Air Act Committee, Past Chair; Diversity Committee, American Bar Association
- Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association
- Environmental, Mineral, and Natural Resources Section, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Labor and Employment Law Section, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association's Women Rainmakers, Charter Member, Former Executive Committee Member
- Richland County Bar Association
- Air and Waste Management Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Environmental Law Institute
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry
- Palmetto Economic Development Association
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Technical Committee
- South Carolina Economic Development Association
- South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- Water Pollution Control Federation
- American Indoor Air Quality Council, South Carolina Chapter, Board Member

## Community

- The Crescent Society leadership and professional development group
- Board of Directors, Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina
- Served on commissions for the City of Columbia

## Articles & Speeches

### Insights

[Transfer-Based Exclusion Upheld: Court Discards “Discard” Argument](#), *ABA Environmental & Energy Litigation Section* - Author (September 17, 2019)

[A Hit and a Miss \(Regardless of Which Side You Are On\)](#), *ABA Environmental & Energy Litigation Section* - Author (August 28, 2019)

[‘DISCARDED’ or ‘NOT DISCARDED’: That Is the Question \(or ‘Asked and \(finally\) Answered!’\)](#) - Author (Aug. 1, 2019)

[So, You Live under a Rock? Does the Clean Water Act Apply to Your Water Down There?](#) - Author (December 4, 2018)

[Florida Gets A ‘Do-Over’](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* - Author (July 2, 2018)

[A Decade Later: Industry Successful in Latest Challenge to 2015 ‘Verified Recycler Exclusion’](#), *American Bar Association Environmental & Energy Litigation* - Author (March 12, 2018)

[EPA Farm Reporting Exemption Final Rule Vacated](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental & Energy Litigation Newsletter* (August 29, 2017)

[Preempted, Preempted Not](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* - Author (July 27, 2017)

[SCOTUS Reigns in States’ Exercise of General Personal Jurisdiction](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental & Energy Litigation Newsletter* - Author (June 8, 2017)

[First Circuit Rules Puerto Rico Municipal Ordinances Are Preempted](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental & Energy Litigation Newsletter* - Author (June 8, 2017)

[2016 Updates to the Oil and Gas NSPS Finalized, Immediately Challenged](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental Litigation Newsletter* - Author (August 31, 2016)

[Leaks and Pumps and Tanks, Oh My!!!](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* - Author (July 8, 2016)

[WOTUS Stayed as Tomorrow’s Effective Date ‘Looms’](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental Litigation Newsletter* - Author (September 17, 2015)

[It’s Been A Long Time Coming: 27 Year Old RCRA Underground Storage Tank Rules Get a Facelift](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers Newsletter* - Author (July 21, 2015)

[SCOTUS Remands EPA’s Regulation of Mercury and Other Hazardous Air Pollutants from Power Plants](#), *ABA Section of Litigation - Environmental & Energy Litigation* - Author (June 29, 2015)

[Waters of the U.S. Paper Released by ECOS](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* - Author (September 23, 2014)

[Do Air Emissions Constitute Disposal of Solid Waste? The 9th Circuit’s Answer is ‘No’](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* (August 27, 2014)

[50-State Survey of Protections Available for Purchasers of Contaminated Property](#), *Environmental Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association* - Co-Author (January 2014)

[New Changes to CISWI Final Rule Reflects EPA's Response to Comments from the Regulated Community](#), *American College of Environmental Lawyers* - Author (March 21, 2013)

President Signs New Chemical Security Legislation, *Capitol Hill Report* - Co-Author (November 9, 2006)

### Events/Speaking Engagements

[Columbia Partner Karen Aldridge Crawford to Give Environmental Update at CAPCA](#) - Panelist (April 11, 2018)

[Nelson Mullins' Karen Crawford to Moderate ABA Environmental Panel](#) - Moderator (January 24, 2017)

One Year Later: The Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule as Applied, *ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources - Water Law Conference* (March 29, 2016)

Aging Infrastructure: First Stop, The Courtroom, When It All Starts to Fall Apart, *American Bar Association Litigation Section's Environmental, Mass Torts & Products Liability Litigation Committees' Joint CLE Seminar* (January 22, 2016)

### Alerts

[SCOTUS Remands EPA's Regulation of Mercury and Other Hazardous Air Pollutants from Power Plants](#), OnePoint Alert (June 29, 2015)