

PFAS and Emerging Contaminants

Practices and Industries

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Haynes Boone's PFAS and Emerging Contaminants team provides comprehensive legal solutions for clients facing the many challenges associated with PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and other emerging contaminants. Comprised of lawyers from separate practices, their shared experiences advising clients regarding the confluence of issues posed by these substances has yielded an unparalleled depth and breadth of cross-practice integration that exemplifies the client-needs-first values for which Haynes Boone is known.

With our deep understanding of the legal, scientific, and regulatory landscape surrounding PFAS and emerging contaminants, we offer our clients strategic counsel and representation tailored to their specific needs. From regulatory compliance and risk management to litigation and crisis response, to insurance recovery, Haynes Boone provides full spectrum, integrated services that clients require to navigate this rapidly evolving field.

Multidisciplinary Focus Areas for PFAS and Emerging Chemical matters include:

- Environmental and Environmental Litigation
- Toxic Tort and Products Liability
- Food Safety
- Insurance Recovery
- OSHA and Workplace Safety
- Crisis Management

Representative Experience

- Represented consumer products companies and private label brand owners in analyzing prohibitions on PFAS in food packaging, counseling regarding the removal of PFAS from the packaging supply chain and obtaining written certifications to meet state requirements.
- Represented cosmetics brands in analyzing prohibitions on contaminants in cosmetics.
- Represented consumer products companies and private label brand owners in strategies to reduce heavy metals in foods.
- Represented Fortune 500 manufacturing company in an operations-wide PFAS risk management assessment and plan, including product, insurance, regulatory, reporting and

environmental cleanup litigation risk.

- Advised major manufacturing company on PFAS risks associated with various disposal options for by products of its manufacturing process.
- Represented a public municipality in mediation and then ADR over alleged PFAS contamination claims threatened by individual landowners and neighboring municipalities. The engagement resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Represented manufacturing client in addressing PFAS testing orders from state agency.
- Represented privately-held manufacturer of PFAS in the sale of the company,
- Assisted trial team for a major chemical company facing exposure for alleged PFAS contamination.
- Assisted with litigation involving the Orange County Water District and the negotiation of a consent decree involving private companies accused of causing the contamination.
- Represented an Alabama manufacturer in dealing with potential PFAS contamination from an adjacent site owned and operated by a PFAS manufacturer.
- Represented a New Jersey chemical manufacturer alleged to be a PRP in connection with the Solvay PFAS site.
- Served as lead counsel on a “forever chemical” case about releases of alleged PCBs from Energy Transfer’s pipeline in New Mexico.