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Services

- Environmental Law
- Environmental Issues in Indian Country
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Regulatory
- State & Federal Superfund Law
- Hazardous Wastes, Solid Wastes& Special Wastes
- Brownfields
- Water Law
- NEPA Compliance

Ronnie P. Hawks

Ronnie Hawks's practice focuses on environmental and regulatory matters involving a wide variety of state, federal, and tribal environmental programs, including:

- Federal and state Superfund laws
- Solid and hazardous waste regulations; and
- Surface water and groundwater quality under the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Arizona's Aquifer Protection Permit program, and similar laws.

He joined the firm's environmental law practice as a partner in 2012.

Representative Engagements:

- Led successful administrative appeal of environmental permit in a complex mining case.
- Negotiated settlements with state and federal agencies regarding hazardous waste violations at industrial manufacturing facilities, recycling facilities, and landfills.
- Performed environmental compliance audits on client's industrial facilities state-wide, negotiated settlement of liability for violations, and developed compliance management procedures.
- Negotiated settlement of Superfund liability for pesticide contaminated agricultural property impacting tribal land.
- Led a potentially responsible party search under federal and state Superfund laws for one of the largest Superfund sites in the country.
- Assisted a water provider in obtaining replacement supplies for production wells contaminated by mining wastes.
- Negotiated settlement of liability for petroleum releases from underground storage tanks. Negotiated settlement of liability under the Clean Air Act for asbestos handling violations.

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Court District of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Education

- Arizona State University, College of Law J.D. (1998)
- College of William and Mary B.A. (1985)

Honors and Awards

- Inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of:
 - o Environmental Law, (2011-2024)
 - Litigation Environmental (2016-2024)
 - o Natural Resources Law (2021-2024)
- Listed in Chambers USA, Arizona, Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law (2015-2019)

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- American Bar Association, member
 - o Native American Resources Committee Co-Chair (2014-2015); Chair (2015-2017)
 - o Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section, member
 - Water Resources Committee, Programs Vice-Chair (2021-2023)
 - Native American Resources Committee, Newsletter Chair (2012-2014)
 - Superfund and Natural Resources Damages Litigation Committee, Programs Vice-Chair (2015-2016)
 - Water Resources Committee, Membership Vice-Chair (2013-2014)
 - Leadership Development Program (2012-2013)
- State Bar of Arizona, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section
- Arizona Forward, Southern Regional Council (2013-2015)