



Environmental Attorney Tapped by Law Journal Re Environmental Cases in Municipal Courts

Matthew A. Karmel, an associate in Riker Danzig's Environmental Group and a regular contributor to the Firm's [Environmental Blog](#), was quoted in a recent *New Jersey Law Journal* article, entitled "Lawyers Wary of Ruling Allowing Polluters to Be Hauled Into Municipal Court." The article discusses a recent court decision that approves the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") practice of using the municipal courts to enforce violations of New Jersey's environmental laws. Many environmental attorneys feel municipal judges may be unfamiliar with environmental cases "or the scientific evidence used to show a violation occurred." Matt explains in the article, "Even the simplest of environmental cases is complicated. The complex ones are tremendously complicated. I don't think it makes sense to have a municipal court involved in complicated matters." The article links to Matt's [2017 Environmental Blog post](#) which discusses how the NJDEP has been experimenting with taking certain environmental violations to municipal court, most commonly the failure to retain a licensed site remediation professional.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

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