



MATTHEW A. KARMEL

Practice Areas

Environmental Law

Areas of Emphasis

Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment

Business and Real Estate Transactions

Land Use/Environmental Permitting

Environmental Insurance

Regulatory Compliance

Sustainability

Food Waste and Composting

Overview

As an environmental lawyer with experience with New Jersey and federal law, Matthew Karmel is particularly adept at providing hands-on management of the legal aspects of environmental projects. For instance, he is currently assisting a client with a thirty million dollar remediation project that involves traditional hazardous substances, radiological materials, and emerging contaminants, all under the oversight of multiple government agencies. Matt understands the needs of businesses and individuals, and works hard to deliver common sense advice that helps them navigate complicated environmental requirements in an efficient manner. He takes pride in being responsive, enthusiastic, creative, and



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helpful in service of his clients.

Matt's practice focuses on site remediation, redevelopment and transfer of brownfields, regulatory compliance and permitting, environmental insurance, and environmental litigation, and he has specific experience advising clients on issues relating to the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, Site Remediation Reform Act, Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA), Solid Waste Management Act, Flood Hazard Area Control Act, Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, Waterfront Development Act, as well as the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

Before joining Riker Danzig, Matt gained practical experience in both New Jersey and federal courts by serving as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Victor Ashrafi of the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, as well as by working as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Joel H. Slomsky of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Fordham University School of Law. Matt earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Mathematics and Economics from Rutgers University, where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

Matt is a passionate advocate for sustainability. Among other things, he is a founding member of the New Jersey Composting Council, which is an industry group promoting food waste reduction through composting and organics recycling, and currently serves on its Board of Directors and as the chair of its Advocacy and Market Development Committee.

Best Lawyers in America®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has included Matt on its "Ones to Watch" list in the field of Environmental Law for 2022 and 2021. The "Ones to Watch" awards are recognitions given to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#)

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Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2013

Rutgers University, Rutgers College Honors Program, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Economics with Honors, Mathematics, 2009

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York