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Education

Gary A. Meyer received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with Departmental Honors in Philosophy in 1975. He received his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1979, where he was a member of the UCLA Law Review and Moot Court Honors Program.

Professional Experience

Gary A. Meyer is an environmental law specialist who has been selected by his peers as a California Super Lawyer numerous times. Mr. Meyer joined Parker, Milliken in 1980, becoming a shareholder in 1986. In 1985 Mr. Meyer founded and since then has served as Chair of the firm's Environmental Law Department.

Mr. Meyer's practice includes environmental litigation, both federal Superfund as well as state court cost recovery, toxic tort and property damage matters. Mr. Meyer has defended Fortune 500 corporations, their corporate officers as well as public entities in numerous high profile environmental administrative, civil and criminal enforcement matters. In a recent high profile toxic tort case involving over 1,100 plaintiffs who were seeking upwards of \$500 million in damages against Mr. Meyer's public entity clients, Mr. Meyer was successful in obtaining a complete dismissal of plaintiffs' entire personal injury and property damages case. See, [Alexander v. Exxon Mobil, Corp.](#) BC435640 (L.A. Super. Ct.-Complex Litigation Court).

Reflecting Mr. Meyer's prominence as an environmental attorney with over thirty years of experience, he was selected to serve in the role as Specially Appointed Court Receiver to help effectuate settlement of a highly contested soil and groundwater litigation matter in Los Angeles Superior Court. Mr. Meyer was also retained by a Fortune 50 company to serve as their legal expert witness in a large and highly contested insurance coverage matter involving, in the underlying case, one of the most high profile and complicated Regional Water Board, State Water Board, EPA, state court and federal court CERCLA groundwater litigation matters in California history. This case was recently resolved in a very favorable manner based, in part, on Mr. Meyer's expert witness written opinions and deposition testimony.

For over three decades Mr. Meyer has successfully represented corporate clients in a number of California landmark environmental enforcement actions filed by prosecutorial agencies including the United States Attorney, the California Department of Justice, the Environmental Crimes Units of Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Meyer's successful defense of one such action led to the California Appellate Court decision of *Los Angeles Chemical Company v. Superior Court*, 226 Cal.App.3d 703 (1990), which established a businesses' constitutional right against warrantless or nonconsensual environmental inspections.

Mr. Meyer also has vast experience in non-litigation environmental matters, advising corporate and public entity clients, their in-house counsel and private property owners, lessors and lessees regarding all aspects of environmental compliance, reporting and disclosure, soil and groundwater remediation, and underground storage tank matters.

Mr. Meyer has assisted many of his clients in obtaining “no further action” closure letters from government regulatory agencies.

Since 1985 Mr. Meyer has organized and chaired his firm’s annual Environmental Law Seminar, which, since its inception, has been attended by over 4,000 business, government and industry representatives. Mr. Meyer’s 32nd Annual Environmental Law Seminar, which is the longest running conference of its kind in California, will be held on May 13, 2016.

Mr. Meyer has served on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar’s Environmental Law Section since 1996, chairing the committee in 2005-2006. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Section of the California State Bar and currently serves as an advisor to this Committee. In these capacities, Mr. Meyer chairs and lectures at environmental conferences throughout the state, including as both speaker and moderator several times at the State Bar’s Annual Yosemite Environmental Law Conference and at the Los Angeles County Bar’s Environmental Law Super Symposium. For over a decade Mr. Meyer was an instructor in the UCLA Extension Hazardous Materials Certificate Program. He is also an author and editor of numerous environmental law publications, articles and newsletters, and a frequent lecturer to business organizations and educational institutions.

Academic and Speaking Engagements

Multiple year recognition as a California Environmental Law Super Lawyer
2005-2006 Chair, Los Angeles County Bar’s Environmental Law Section
Moderator of Parker, Milliken’s annual Environmental Law Seminar – 1985 to
present
Instructor, UCLA Hazardous Materials Certificate Program, 1990 to 2001
Guest Lecturer, UCLA School of Law, Environmental Law Center
Program Chair and Speaker, Los Angeles County Bar’s Environmental Law
Section’s Super Symposium
Speaker, State Bar’s Environmental Law Annual Yosemite Conference
National lecturer on environmental law topics in seminars sponsored by CLE
International, the California Business Institute, and Lorman Educational
Services
USC Symposium on Environmental Law
American Industrial and Real Estate Association
Lecturer to numerous financial institutions on environmental fiduciary liability,
including Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, Union Bank, Bank of
California

Admissions to Practice

All California state courts
Various Federal district courts
Federal courts of appeal throughout the United States
United States Supreme Court

Professional Affiliations

California State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, Executive Committee 2008-present
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Chair, Environmental Law Section 2005-2006 and Executive Committee member – 1996 to present
American Bar Association, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section
Beverly Hills Bar Association, Chairperson of the Environmental Law Section, 1987- 1990

Publications

Editor, contributing author of Parker, Milliken's Environmental Law Update

Contributing author of the McGraw-Hill published book entitled ***Environmental Decision Making for Engineers and Business Managers***

The Bureau of National Affairs publications ***Toxics Law Reporter*** and ***California Environmental Law Reporter***

USC Law Center ***Journal of Law and the Environment***

Community Service and Family

Mr. Meyer is an active member of his community. He has served as Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of his synagogue and is a member of the Board of Directors of Hillside Memorial Park and for many years coached boys' and girls' youth baseball and softball. Mr. Meyer has served as a mentor for the UCLA Law School's Environmental Law Negotiation team and as a judge in the California State Bar's Environmental Law Annual Negotiation Competition. Mr. Meyer is also active in organizing outreach educational programs for Southern California law schools. On a personal note, Mr. Meyer has a great passion for baseball. He continues to fulfill his "field of dreams" by taking summer road trips with his son, Joey, to baseball stadiums throughout the country. In 2011 Mr. Meyer played in a Fathers-Son Baseball Tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y., the home of Baseball's Hall of Fame. Although Mr. Meyer promptly dislocated a finger in warm ups before the first game, his team did win the tournament! Mr. Meyer is married to Susan, a Hearing Officer in Los Angeles County's Mental Health Court and who recently served as President of Temple Israel of Hollywood. Mr. Meyer has two adult children, Hilary, 27, a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and Joey, 25, who is attending Yale Law School.