

WATER QUALITY & WETLANDS

Lawyers in our environmental practice provide advice and representation upon a broad range of water quality and wetlands issues. The firm's lawyers have expertise and experience in federal and state water quality law.

Members of the environmental team regularly help individuals and companies obtain and comply with wastewater and stormwater discharge permits, assist in delineation of wetlands and obtaining coverage under nationwide and individual wetlands permits, provide advice with respect to wetlands and other resource banking and offsets, and provide counsel with respect to development and implementation of sedimentation and erosion control plans. The team also has significant expertise in water supply and water supply protection issues, and safe drinking water statute compliance.

The firm's lawyers have lectured to local and national audiences on wastewater, stormwater and water supply issues.

Recent water quality or wetlands matters include:

The Bridges at Mint Hill. The team represents the developers of a large lifestyle center in Mint Hill, North Carolina. The center will be located near the critical habitat for a listed endangered species, and presented unique wetlands permitting and resource protection issues. The design of the development incorporates state-of-the-art environmental protection measures.

Culbertson v. Coats American. (United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia,). Mr. McGrath successfully defended a citizen suit against our client.

Steel Recycling Facility. The environmental team worked with several other groups within the firm to obtain all approvals, including federal wetlands permits, state water quality certifications, and coastal area development permits, necessary for the development and construction of a major steel recycling facility in rural northeastern North Carolina. The project required numerous state and local permits, as well as the completion of an environmental assessment pursuant to North Carolina's Environmental Policy Act.