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Related Services

Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources ■ Environmental Compliance, Permitting & Transactions ■ Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) ■ Environmental Enforcement Defense ■ Environmental Litigation ■ Brownfield Contaminated Sites ■ Land Use ■ Air Quality ■ Pesticide Law and Regulation, Enforcement and Registration

Vickie Chung Rusek is a member of Alston & Bird's Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources Group. She represents companies in the energy, manufacturing, logistics, and development sectors in high-stakes litigation involving the environment, natural resources, and toxic torts. She also works with clients in highly regulated industries to navigate permitting and compliance under complex environmental programs, including CERCLA, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA, and their state counterparts.

Vickie advises clients on the acquisition and redevelopment of environmentally impacted properties, renewable energy, and sustainability initiatives including Georgia's HB 57 and other solar energy incentives. Additionally, Vickie has experience representing property owners and developers before zoning boards and in zoning appeals.

Vickie is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" for Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental, and Natural Resource Law.

Vickie received her J.D. from the Emory University School of Law and her B.A. from The George Washington University.

Representative Experience

- Representing a real estate developer in lawsuits against the government and its contractor seeking billions of dollars in damages resulting from the botched cleanup of a former naval shipyard that is the subject of San Francisco's largest redevelopment project in a century.
- Defending an electric utility company in lawsuits in state and federal courts alleging personal injuries and property damages arising from alleged groundwater, surface water, and air contamination.
- Advising a Fortune 500 glass manufacturing company in ongoing environmental remedial work.
- Represented a chemical manufacturer in lawsuits filed by municipalities alleging that multiple defendants' operations contributed to PFAS contamination of local drinking water.
- Defended a nationwide manufacturer of cement and concrete products against citizen suits under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.
- Advised a manufacturer of automotive parts on compliance with the Toxic Substances Control Act and negotiated TSCA Consent Orders with the EPA.
- Represented a solar company in contract negotiations for Solar Energy Procurement Agreements with private landowners, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities.

- Represented a solar advocacy group before the Georgia Public Service Commission.
- Advised on environmental due diligence matters for acquisitions of a multithousand-acre Georgia solar farm and a multithousand-acre Texas timber farm.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- East Point Preservation Alliance, board member
- Grant Park Conservancy, governance chair (former), board member (former)

Education

- Emory University (J.D., 2015)
- The George Washington University (B.A., 2011)

Languages

- Korean
- Spanish

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia