

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Karl Heisler, partner with King & Spalding, is a nationally recognized environmental lawyer in enforcement defense. He has managed the legal fallout from a wide array of environmental and workplace safety incidents ranging from fires and explosions to pipeline releases and hazardous waste abandonment.

Heisler has more than two decades of experience responding to governmental investigations involving the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. He is a prolific speaker on environmental law and incident response.

He is a leading-edge practitioner in extended producer responsibility laws covering paper and plastic packaging and dedicates a significant portion of his practice to environmental transactions. Heisler provides advice and counsel on environmental due diligence and the availability of transactional defenses, and routinely negotiates representations, warranties and indemnifications.

Heisler has earned recognition from Chambers USA, which described him as "exceptionally proactive," with "strategic thinking" and "the ability to understand the complex and translate it" and Legal 500 USA, which characterized him as a "true partner to his clients" and "highly strategic," with a "singular ability to clarify the inordinately opaque and confusing nature of environmental laws for the uninitiated." He has been acknowledged by Lawdragon as a "Leading Environmental Lawyer" and Benchmark Litigation as having an "unparalleled ability to master the facts and an encyclopedic mastery of environmental law."

As a respected thought leader, he is frequently asked to comment, write or speak about environmental enforcement and incident response for publications and organizations including Law360, Thomson Reuters, Resource Recycling, Inc., American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, American Bar Association, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Association of Corporate Counsel, Lawline, Environmental Law Institute, Practising Law Institute, and American Law Institute.

Topics he has written or spoken about include managing the first 48 hours of an incident, incident response for public information officers, hazardous waste abandonments, hurricane readiness and response, climate risk disclosure, environmental due diligence, environmental aspects of commercial and real estate

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transactions, design and implementation of environmental compliance programs, electronic waste regulation, cybersecurity in the energy and transportation sectors, evidence preservation, and government inspection preparation.

Heisler wrote the introductory chapter for "Inside the Minds: Environmental Law Enforcement and Compliance," published by Thomson Reuters/Aspatore, and co-authored the chapter entitled "Environmental Criminal Enforcement: A Primer for the Real Estate Practitioner" in the fifth edition of "Environmental Aspects of Real Estate and Commercial Transactions: Acquisitions, Development, and Liability Management," which is one of the ABA's most widely read publications.

He has assisted with acquisitions and divestitures involving several entities that were investigated by the government for environmental and workplace safety incidents. For over a decade, Heisler has taught the environmental transactions course for the Environmental Law Institute, a leader in non-partisan research and environmental education.

His clients include public and private entities in the energy, chemical manufacturing, construction, and waste management industries, as well as lenders, private equity, and real estate firms with interests in these industries.