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Education

2014 - J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law, CALI Award for Environmental Law; Order of the Coif, *Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Law*, Articles Editor; Reed Club Best Appellee Brief, Legal Writing Appellate Brief Competition; United States District Court Judicial Fellows Program

2011 - B.S., *summa cum laude*, (Agricultural Biotechnology), University of Kentucky

Admissions

Kentucky

United States Patent & Trademark Office

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky

Max Bridges is a member of the Firm's Natural Resources and Energy Service Team. He concentrates his practice in the areas of state and federal laws involving air, water, waste, and endangered species, as well as mineral and energy law.

Max is also a member of the Firm's Intellectual Property Protection & Litigation Service Team. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution and enforcement, patent litigation, client counseling, and transaction support.

Representative Matters

Mr. Bridges has experience counseling clients on environmental laws, assisting clients during enforcement issues, evaluating environmental due diligence investigations, especially Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and Phase II Subsurface Investigations to manage environmental liability during transactions, and facilitating oil and gas transactions.

Mr. Bridges has experience representing individuals and corporations in evaluating the patentability of inventions, prosecuting patent applications, and enforcing patent rights. Mr. Bridges also has experience counseling clients in evaluating potential trade and service marks, enforcing trademark rights against others, patent litigation, and reviewing IP contracts.

- *Merrick, et al v. Brown-Forman Corporation and Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc.* - Plaintiffs seek class certification for personal and real property damage and injunctive relief for mold allegedly caused by defendants' whiskey warehouse operations. The putative class representatives assert causes of action for negligence, trespass, and nuisance.
- *Dow Chemical Company v. Anglers E. & C. Inc.* - Represented a Potentially Responsible Party in this Superfund and Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act cost recovery action brought by other PRPs.
- *Reigle v. Strategic Materials, Inc., Trent Lee and Jean Lee, and Visteon Corporation* – Represent plaintiffs in successful RCRA imminent and substantial endangerment citizen suit.

Professional Experience

- Summer Clerk for the Southern Environmental Law Center, Atlanta, GA, 2013
- Extern for the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet, Frankfort, KY, January-April, 2013
- Prosecutorial Intern for the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney, Lexington, KY, Summer 2012

Presentations

- "Boiler MACT Litigation Update," Kentucky Chamber's 21st Annual Kentucky Environmental Permitting and Reporting Conference, Lexington, Kentucky (August 15, 2018)
- "The Impact of *Miller v. Brown-Forman*," Kentucky Chamber's 6th Annual Environmental Conference, Lexington, Kentucky (March 8, 2018)
- "Environmental Update including the Stream Protection Rule, and what Constitutes Criminal Behavior Following the Don Blankenship Trial," 29th Annual Kentucky Professional Engineers in Mining Seminar, Lexington, Kentucky (August 26, 2016)
- "Real Estate and Environmental Issues Selected Statutes and Predevelopment Planning," Kentucky Chamber's 14th Annual Environmental Conference, Lexington, Kentucky (February 10, 2016)

Publications

- Frequent contributor to Wyatt's Environmental Law Blog.
- "EPA's Muddy 'Waters of the U.S.' Rule," *Waterproof Magazine*, Quarterly Publication of the Kentucky Rural Water Association, Fall 2016 (Volume XVIII, Number 3).
- "EPA Issues Final Rule to Cut Methane Emissions from Oil and Gas Industry," Wyatt Environmental Update, May 18, 2016.
- "Sixth Circuit Retains Jurisdiction over Challenges to Clean Water Rule," Wyatt Environmental Update, February 23, 2016.
- "Supreme Court Stays the Clean Power Plan," Wyatt Environmental Update, February 10, 2016.

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Louisville Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Rotaract Club, Lexington, KY
- Central Kentucky American Inn of Court
- Greater Louisville Inc. Environment & Energy Committee
- Boy Scouts of America

Interests

- Golf, cycling, camping, fly fishing, hiking, Eagle Scout Award (2005).