



William S. Cox III

Partner

Buddy Cox represents clients in environmental and toxic tort cases across the United States. Buddy advises clients facing property damage and personal injury lawsuits, administrative claims from state and federal regulatory agencies, disputes involving clean-up costs at remediation sites under the Superfund Act or CERCLA, and natural resources damages claims. He helps companies and individuals navigate the complex environmental laws and regulations that govern chemical manufacturing, wood treatment, hazardous or solid waste disposal facilities, and brownfield redevelopment.

Whether defending a single plaintiff or several thousands of plaintiffs, Buddy works closely with experts in toxicology, epidemiology, hydrology, remediation, engineering and medicine to ensure that complex issues are presented clearly to judges and juries. He has worked on behalf of the state of Alabama in a long-running dispute over water resources with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as assisted companies in responding to environmental enforcement actions, claims and litigation by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice, and numerous state environmental agencies under CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Oil Pollution Act and TSCA.

Accolades

Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Environmental Litigation, 2017
Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®

- Litigation - Environmental, 2006-2018
- Water Law, 2006-2018
- "Lawyer of the Year – Environmental," 2010, 2015

Listed in *Benchmark Litigation*, "Litigation Star," Alabama, 2018;

Professional & Community Activities

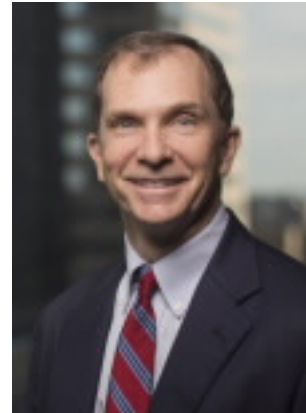
American Bar Association

- Environment, Energy and Resources Section
- Litigation Section

Defense Research Institute

Alabama Bar Association

- Environmental Law Section, Executive Committee; Chair, 2000



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Practices

Environmental

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1988; *Virginia Law Review*, Order of the Coif

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1985, *magna cum laude*

Licensed In

Alabama
California

Admitted In

United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama
United States District Court, Middle District of Alabama
United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama

Birmingham Bar Association

- CLE Committee, Chair, 2005
- Executive Committee, 2012-2013

Birmingham Bar Foundation

- Executive Committee, 2014-2016
- Secretary, 2017
- Treasurer, 2018