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Corporations contending with sustainability, climate change, and environmental challenges seek out Juge Gregg for effective strategic planning and legal counsel. He advises domestic and multinational clients across industries on their full range of ESG programs and compliance, including corporate climate and net-zero commitments, multinational reporting frameworks, carbon offsets, Greentech transactions, social responsibility, greenwashing, investigations and litigation.

Juge has significant experience supporting ESG initiatives, including most notably at a top-5 Fortune Global 500 company where he served as Senior Corporate Counsel and the first attorney on the company's Sustainability Legal team, which has twice been recognized by the Financial Times as one of the most innovative in-house legal teams in North America. In that role, he provided legal partnership to business teams across multiple industry sectors on their highest profile sustainability initiatives, including the development of the company's carbon offset strategy and purchasing program, circular economy initiatives, transportation decarbonization, sustainable shopping programs, product and supply chain sustainability, human rights policies and due diligence, and green claims.

In addition to his ESG practice, Juge also provides counseling and handles litigation matters across the spectrum of environmental matters, including in matters involving the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and project development, international environmental law, Superfund/CERCLA, Endangered Species Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and Native American law.

Prior to entering the private sector, Juge served as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division in the Law and Policy and Natural Resources Sections, working on high-profile environmental, natural resources, and Native American law issues and litigation.

Juge also taught international environmental law and policy as a visiting professor at Stanford in Washington. He earned his law degree from Stanford Law School and his bachelor's degree in Earth Systems from Stanford University. He hails from Alaska, where he grew up in a small arts and adventure community.

Representative Matters

- Support development of a multinational company's carbon offset strategy and transactions, included leading corporate efforts to negotiate contracting for the public-private Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition as well as a number of other cutting-edge transactions focused on high quality carbon neutralization.

- Led aspects of the Attorney General’s initiative to promote compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, including litigating in the U.S. Supreme Court, Alaska Supreme Court, and a federal district court and organizing interagency collaboration on the issue.
- Successful defense in district court and Ninth Circuit of National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Administrative Procedure Act claims challenging the construction of a replacement aircraft base in Okinawa for the U.S. Marine Corp based on potential adverse effects on an endangered marine mammal.
- Defense of takings cases in U.S. Court of Federal Claims, including successful settlement on the eve of a scheduled month-long trial regarding impacts of a forest fire.
- Represented a leading railroad defending against federal Clean Water Act claims relating to a significant chlorine release from a derailment.
- Represented a chemical manufacturing company in connection with federal class action and litigation by individuals in federal and state court arising out of alleged contamination from a manufacturing facility. Suits seek medical monitoring, injunctive relief, punitive damages, unjust enrichment and compensation for alleged personal injury and alleged lost property value.
- Represented a chemical manufacturing company in responding to grand jury subpoena and potential criminal allegations relating to alleged violations of the Clean Air Act.
- Represented a company defending against government claims for the costs incurred in remediating a former wood treatment facility.
- Represented wastewater and stormwater public utility in Total Maximum Daily Load process and in the design and negotiation of a novel watershed based Clean Water Act permit.
- Represented a major pharmaceutical company in all areas of environmental law, serving the role of in-house environmental counsel. Major areas of work include Superfund issues, EU chemicals regulation (REACH), incident response, and compliance and enforcement support.

Government Experience

- **Department of Justice: Environment & Natural Resources Division**
Trial Attorney, Law and Policy Section, 2012-2019

Professional Experience

- Senior Corporate Counsel, Sustainability Legal, Amazon, 2019-2023
- Senior Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, 2006-2012
- Consulting Associate Professor, Stanford University, 2004-2019
- Senior Campaigner, Environmental Investigation Agency, 2004-2005
- Associate, Perkins Coie LLP, 2000-2003

Recognition

- *Amazon Legal*: Think Big Leadership Principle Award, 2021
- *United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division*: AAG's ENRD Fellow, 2016
- *United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division*: Assistant Attorney General's Award for Excellence, 2015

Practices

- Environment and Natural Resources
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Climate Change, Environmental Markets and ESG
- Contaminated Lands and Hazardous Waste

Education

- Stanford University, B.S., 1995
- Stanford Law School, J.D., With Distinction, 2000

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Washington State