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Peter S. Modlin is a partner in the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the Environmental practice group.

Peter's practice focuses on environmental, health & safety, toxic tort and products liability litigation and counseling. He has represented clients in a wide variety of federal and state litigation, including mass tort actions, product liability claims, cost recovery cases, citizen lawsuits, natural resource damages and enforcement actions.

Peter is ranked by *Chambers USA* in the California: Environment category, with clients praising his "tremendous breadth of knowledge in environmental issues." He was recognized as San Francisco's "Environmental Litigation Lawyer of the Year" for 2021 by *Best Lawyers* and has been consistently recognized by the publication as a leading lawyer in his field since 2010. *Lawdragon* recognizes Peter in its *500 Leading Environmental Lawyers – The Green 500* guide, and he was recognized in the 2023-2024 editions of *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: USA* guide, and the 2022 *Who's Who Legal Environment* guide.

Representative Matters

- Defending claims arising from industrial accident, including wrongful death lawsuit, appeal of OSHA citation and criminal investigation.
- Managing defense of 2,000+ plaintiff toxic tort claims by former workers at industrial plant in Asia.
- Representing company in connection with multi-facility Clean Air Act enforcement action.
- Defending Fortune 50 company in precedent-setting natural resource damage lawsuit.
- Representing chemical company and mid-stream company in government investigations and enforcement actions arising from industrial accidents.
- Defending criminal, civil penalty and natural resource damages claims relating to pipeline rupture.
- Defending pharmaceutical company in product liability claims arising from adverse drug reactions.
- Handling numerous product liability claims involving MTBE, asbestos, pigments, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, and pesticides.
- Representing logistics company in remediation of crude oil pipeline release.
- On behalf of special committee of Board of Directors, investigated shareholder claims arising from pipeline rupture.

Capabilities

Environmental
Crisis Management
Energy Regulation and Litigation
Energy and Infrastructure

Credentials

Education

Harvard University - 1990 Juris Doctor
Princeton University - 1986 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

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- Prosecuting and defending environmental indemnity claims on behalf of a variety of corporations.
- Representing successful bidder in negotiation of environmental agreements in connection with 50-year concession to operate major port.
- Representing national retailer in disabled access and employment litigation and counseling.

Peter graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1990. He is admitted to practice law in the State of California.

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