

Allan Gates

Of Counsel

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Allan Gates practices in the areas of environmental law and litigation. He is counsel to private parties, public interest groups, and trade associations in environmental regulatory matters and appears regularly before state agencies, including the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment and the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. Allan also serves as defense counsel in hazardous waste and Superfund actions before state agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and in state and federal court.

Practice Areas

Environment and Natural Resources
Petroleum Marketing

Education

Vanderbilt Law School
J.D. - (1972)

Yale University
B.A. - (1969)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas
District of Columbia

Experience

- Counsel in air pollution, water pollution, toxic tort, wetlands, environmental impact statement and coastal management disputes and litigation.
- Counsel for applicants for hazardous waste permits and closure plans, pesticide registrations, water, air, and solid waste permits.
- Counsel for affected parties in state and federal rulemaking and adjudicatory proceedings under air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, and toxic substance control legislation.

Professional Recognition

- *Chambers USA:* Senior Statespeople Environment in Arkansas (2022-2026)
- *Chambers USA:* Litigation: Environmental in Arkansas (2015, 2017-2021)
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- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Litigation - Environmental (2011-2027)
- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Environmental (2014, 2025)
- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Environmental Law (2010)
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 1995
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers:* Environmental (2006, 2008-2025)
- Arkansas Bar Foundation – Writing Award for Best in General Category, "*Emotional Support Animals & Access to Public Facilities*" (2023)

- *Who's Who Legal (Law Business Research LTD)* in the area of Environmental Law

Involvement

- Past-President, American College of Environmental Lawyers
- Former President
- Former President-Elect
- Former Treasurer
- Serves on the Board of Regents
- Executive Committee
- President, American College of Environmental Lawyers Foundation
- American Law Institute
- Law clerk to Chief Judge Pat Mehaffy, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court
- Adjunct professor, Environmental Law, UALR Law School
- Guest lecturer on environmental law, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, UALR graduate and undergraduate classes
- Panelist and speaker in national, regional and state seminars on environmental law and litigation
- Charter member, Arkansas Bar Commission on Diversity
- Original incorporator and Chairman of the Board, Old State House Museum Associates
- Arkansas Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees
- Charter Secretary
- Arkansas Bar Association