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Craig Galli defends environmental enforcement actions, challenges unlawful and arbitrary government decisions, and strategizes regulatory compliance obligations across energy, natural resources, and other industries.

A former Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C., Craig has taken more than 50 litigation matters to judgment. He defends corporate and individual clients in civil and criminal environmental and natural resources litigation, including enforcement actions, citizen suits, permit challenges, and cost recovery actions in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Washington, and other states. His clients include companies in the water infrastructure, mining, energy, transportation, defense, land development, and manufacturing industries. Early in his DOJ career, he litigated the nine-month Love Canal trial in Buffalo, New York.

Craig leads internal investigations and defends companies facing high-profile civil and criminal government investigations, including matters involving whistleblower allegations.

He represents clients on permitting and compliance matters under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). He is a nationally recognized expert in guiding industrial clients and consultants through the process to prepare project-sponsored environmental impact statements under NEPA and to obtain CWA section 404 (wetlands) individual permits. He also advises on environmental due diligence for mining, renewable energy, electric transmission, and carbon sequestration projects. Craig helps corporate clients strengthen their compliance programs, including compliance audit procedures, training, and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) reporting. He speaks frequently at professional conferences on environmental and natural resources law and corporate compliance.

Education

- Columbia University (J.D., 1987)
  - Head Articles Editor, *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*
  - Certificate of High Distinction, Columbia Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law
- Brigham Young University (M.A., 1984)
- Brigham Young University (B.A., 1982)
  - *cum laude*
  - High Honors

Bar Admissions

- Utah

Select Experience

- Lead outside counsel in litigation involving Colorado River operations.*
- Lead outside counsel for water district in developing and preparing the NEPA compliance documentation and obtaining CWA 404 individual permit.*
- Lead outside counsel in defending major oil company in federal and state government enforcement actions in aftermath of major urban oil spill.*
- Lead outside counsel in defending real estate developers and settling civil and criminal enforcement actions brought by EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and State Engineer under federal and state laws protecting wetlands, stream channels, and other aquatic resources.*
- Developed compliance program to settle major criminal enforcement action under the Lacey Act.*

*Experience occurred prior to joining Dorsey.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Utah State Bar
- Board Member, Audubon Rockies, since 2021
- Former Vice Chair, Member, American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- Former Commissioner, Salt Lake City Planning Commission
- Former Board Member, Salt Lake City Land Use Appeals Board
- Former Board Member, Legal Aid Society of Utah
- Former International Board Member, J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Adjunct Professor, Brigham Young University and the University of Utah, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Energy Law, International Environmental / Climate Change, Corporate Compliance and Legal Risk Management, and Business Ethics for Lawyers

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Area Legal Counsel, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, South America South Area, 2013-2015
- Mission President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Spain Barcelona Mission, 2018-2021

Accolades

- *Benchmark Litigation,* Local Litigation Star, 2009-2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, 2012-2019

  - Environmental Law 2001-2011

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*®, Environmental Litigation, 2007-2014, 2016-2018
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Environmental Law – Salt Lake City, 2014
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Environmental – Salt Lake City, 2013
- *Chambers USA*, Energy & Natural Resources, 2010-2013
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite
  - Environmental, 2017-2018
  - Environmental/Land Use, 2006, 2008

- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- American Inns of Court, Master of the Bench
- Utah State Bar, Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law, Lawyer of the Year, 2000
- U.S. Department of Justice, Special Achievement Award, 1990

Languages

- Spanish