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Phil Hinerman has been a partner at Fox Rothschild for more than 25 years. In 2015, the Environment and Energy Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association selected him to receive its Lifetime Achievement Award. More recently, he has been active in California matters involving the State Water Board, Proposition 65 and toxic tort issues.

A founding Board member of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, Phil is a LEED-Accredited Professional by the United States Green Building Council. He has practiced on the cutting edge of environmental litigation, wine and spirits law, land use and sustainability for more than 25 years. *Chambers & Partners* ranks Phil as a leading environmental lawyer. Phil has expanded his practice to California and has extensive experience in federal and state regulatory litigation and counseling.

Phil is the past chair of the Environment and Energy Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He also is a frequent witness and consultant to law firms and corporations regarding environmental matters. He serves on the Rules Committee of the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board.

Phil has combined his wine and spirits education and certification to practice in areas of interest to the wine and spirits industry, including issues related to regulation, sustainability, land use and hospitality.

As a former in-house attorney, Phil is sensitive to the business challenges and priorities of his clients and works closely with them to achieve the results in the most expeditious way. Phil's experience also includes:

- Developing protocols for conducting due diligence in commercial transactions
- Providing advice to buyers and sellers in acquisitions and real estate matters
- Assisting companies in developing effective environmental programs and policies
- Working closely in regulated industries such as trucking and alcohol regulations
- Addressing land use and environmental issues before local community governments

Phil is also Fox Rothschild's first Chief Sustainability Partner, charged with overseeing the implementation of firmwide sustainability initiatives. He is also a course planner for the Boc Institute power law conference. Phil is the former Co-Chair of Fox Rothschild's Food & Beverage Practice.

Services

- Litigation
- Construction

- Food & Beverage
- Eminent Domain, Condemnation & Real Estate Valuation
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Environmental
- Environmental Compliance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Transportation & Logistics
- Zoning & Land Use
- Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

Before Fox Rothschild

Phil was associate corporate counsel with Leaseway Transportation Corp., where he developed the company's environmental program and supervised all real estate litigation and regulatory matters.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Phil was selected by the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER) of the American Bar Association to act as a liaison between SEER and the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental and Energy Law Section. Phil will help to bridge communication between the two entities on current environmental issues as well as assist with joint events.

Phil's interest in, and expertise in, wine led him to pursue and earn the status of a Diploma in Wine and Spirits from the WSET and he is a Certified Specialist in Wines by the Society of Wine Educators. He is the ABA Wine State Chair for Pennsylvania and is a frequent lecturer in wine programs around the country.

Client Resources

Attorney's Guide to Using Environmental Consultants as Experts

Your client has just called with an environmental issue. What now? This e-Book examines the steps necessary to help the client perform the proper investigation and remediation in a cost-effective, efficient manner.

[Download the entire e-Book \(pdf\)](#)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- California

Education

- Washington and Lee University School of Law (J.D., 1979)
- Marshall University (A.B., 1975)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- California Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Environment and Energy Law Section, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Green Building United (formerly Delaware Valley Green Building Council)
- ABA Wine State Chair, Pennsylvania

Board of Directors

- di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, California

- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Green Building United (formerly Delaware Valley Green Building Council), Founding Director

Honors & Awards

- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Environment in Pennsylvania (2004-2025)
- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Environmental and Energy Law Section's Lifetime Achievement Award (2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rated
- Named a "Super Lawyer" by *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine* (2006, 2009 and 2010)
- LEED AP