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Larkin Radney is a seasoned environmental and toxic tort litigator.

For more than 20 years, Larkin has focused his practice on environmental and toxic tort litigation. He handles cases involving complex mass torts, environmental class actions, groundwater contamination, air and water pollution, water rights, and exposure to various pesticides and chemicals such as asbestos, silica and benzene. He has also represented clients in a variety of individual toxic tort, premises liability, pharmaceutical and product liability claims.

In addition, Larkin has extensive experience in Superfund litigation and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Citizen Suit litigation, and he counsels clients regarding state and federal environmental laws and regulations, including state and federal enforcement for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act. He also has challenged federal agency actions under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Larkin enjoys the challenge of condensing complex scientific and technical issues and presenting them to a judge and jury in a simple, direct and forceful manner. He believes that with diligence, creativity and hard work, even the most complex issues can be honed to a salient and succinct narrative that compels a favorable outcome for his clients. Larkin often works closely with experts in the fields of geology, meteorology, hydrology, toxicology, epidemiology, risk assessment, economics, real estate valuation, pathology, industrial hygiene, engineering and medicine.

Larkin serves on the Executive Committee for the Alabama State Bar Environmental Law Section. He also serves on the firm's Associate Committee. While in law school, Larkin was a member of the nation’s oldest law review dedicated to issues of environmental law, and he received a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law in addition to his law degree.

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Class Actions
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Pharma & Medical Device
Complex Government Litigation & Investigations
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
Tulane University (B.A., *cum laude*)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Outside of work, Larkin enjoys spending time with his wife and two children. A native of Alexander City, Alabama, Larkin and his family spend as much time as possible on Lake Martin. Larkin is also an active musician and plays the drums for a local blues band. He enjoys all kinds of fishing, particularly offshore fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama State Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Environmental Law, Environmental Litigation (2021-27)

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings, "Lawyer of the Year" for Birmingham — Environmental Law (2025)

Chambers USA, “Leading Lawyer” for Environmental Litigation (Alabama)

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania