

JAMES B. SLAUGHTER

Profile: James B. Slaughter is a principal in Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.'s Washington, D.C. office, practicing in civil and criminal litigation.

Mr. Slaughter joined Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. in 1991 after three years as an Assistant and Senior Assistant Public Defender in Fairfax County, Virginia. He tried numerous felony jury trials and argued cases before the Virginia Supreme Court and Virginia Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Mr. Slaughter clerked for the Honorable James Sprouse of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Superfund matters have been a major component of Mr. Slaughter's civil practice since coming to Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. Among other cases, since 1993 he has led Beveridge & Diamond's representation of the Pfohl Brothers Landfill Site Steering Committee in the Committee's cost recovery efforts and in internal allocation matters at the Pfohl Superfund Site near Buffalo, New York. Mr. Slaughter's Superfund practice includes analysis and litigation regarding risk assessment and appropriate remedies for site contamination.

Toxic tort defense forms a significant part of Mr. Slaughter's practice, including defense of wrongful death and other serious personal injury claims. He also assisted in Beveridge & Diamond's representation of Philip Morris in its successful challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Tobacco Smoke study. In particular, Mr. Slaughter helped develop the legal and factual underpinnings for a supplemental pleading challenging additional EPA anti-tobacco initiatives.

Mr. Slaughter also defends clients against civil and criminal enforcement actions brought by federal and state entities. He has represented clients successfully in civil suits and criminal investigations under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and Endangered Species Act.

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