



Everything Environmental Lawyers Wish Environmental Consultants Knew

Environmental lawyers and environmental consultants frequently work together on different environmental matters. These matters include environmental pre-purchase due diligence, contaminated sites remediation and development, environmental audits, and environmental litigation in both courts and tribunals.

This presentation will focus on topics that environmental lawyers wish environmental consultants knew when working on different environmental matters (with or without environmental lawyers), including:

considerations for consultants when undertaking environmental pre-purchase due diligence

acting as a litigation expert (before administrative tribunals and the courts) avoiding common consultant “blunders”, and providing an update about changes to environmental legislation and the implications for environmental consultants.

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