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Areas of Practice

Congressional Oversight & Investigations

Environmental Coverage
 Litigation & Counseling

Insurance & Reinsurance
 Litigation

Products Liability,
 Pharmaceutical & Mass
 Tort Litigation

White-Collar Criminal
 Defense

Education

Yale Law School, J.D.,
 1980

University of North
 Carolina, Chapel Hill, B.A.,
 1977

Judicial Clerkships

Hon. Robert R. Merhige,
 Jr., US District Court for
 the Eastern District of
 Virginia, 1981-1982

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

William T. Hassler

William T. Hassler is a partner with the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Litigation Department. His practice has encompassed a broad range of criminal and civil cases. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Hassler served as a prosecutor for the Office of Independent Counsel investigating the Iran/Contra affair, and in the Environmental Crimes Section of the US Department of Justice. He is a former Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

White-Collar Criminal Defense

Mr. Hassler has represented numerous companies and individuals subject to criminal investigation. He has handled cases involving alleged corporate misconduct, complex environmental matters, charges of healthcare fraud, the regulation of medical devices, and the representation of witnesses subject to investigation by Congressional committees.

Civil Litigation

Mr. Hassler's practice has included a large variety of civil disputes, including Commerce Clause issues, ERISA claims, and numerous environmental coverage matters. Most recently, he has addressed civil claims arising out of alleged corporate misconduct, including the defense of Tyco's former general counsel. He has represented insurers in numerous coverage disputes involving environmental liabilities, September 11 claims, and other types of coverage. His experience includes defense of claims by national manufacturing companies, chemical companies, and petroleum products companies.

Select Seminars & Events

"Lessons Learned from the Lauren Stevens Case," *DRI's Corporate Counsel Roundtable*, January 20, 2012

"Ethical Considerations in an Era of Whistleblowers and Increased Government Investigations," *39th Annual Securities Regulation Institute's Conference*, January 19, 2012

"United States of America v. Lauren Stevens," *ACC/FBA Joint Roundtable*, December 14, 2011

"Featured Case Study: Hear Arguments Used in Defense of an Indicted Pharmaceutical Attorney," *13th Annual Guidelines for Disseminating Off-Label Information*, October 17, 2011

"Ethical Issues Facing In-House Counsel in Responding to Government Investigations," *American Bar Association's Section of International Law & Practice - International Corporate Counsel Committee*, September 26, 2011

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"Trial Representation of Former GSK Associate General Counsel," *New York State Bar Association, Committee on White-Collar Criminal Litigation Section*, June 30, 2011

Selected Publications

Congressional Oversight of Federal Environmental Prosecutions; 24 *Envir'tl Law Rev.* 10074
February 1994

Co-Author, *Coal and the Clean Air Act*; Yale Press
1981

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association, Litigation Section; Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law