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**Areas of Practice**

Appellate & Supreme Court

Chemical Regulatory

Enforcement Defense

Environment & Natural Resources

Litigation

NEPA Infrastructure Projects

Pesticides & Antimicrobials

Transportation

Transportation of Hazardous Materials (DOT, IMO)

US Chemical Regulatory

Water

**Education**

University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), J.D., 1993, Recipient of Environmental Certificate, Associate Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*

University of California - Berkeley, B.A., with honors, 1986, Political Science

**Judicial Clerkships**

Hon. Judith W. Rogers, US

**Cynthia L. Taub**

Cynthia L. Taub is of counsel in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the Litigation and Regulatory & Industry Affairs Departments. Since joining Steptoe in 1994, Ms. Taub's practice has encompassed a wide range of environmental regulatory issues, with an emphasis on pesticide and hazardous chemical regulation and the National Environmental Policy Act.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

Ms. Taub has been actively involved in the development of NEPA compliance strategies for clients, including working with consultants and agencies in the preparation of environmental assessments. She has helped counsel clients on the integration of the NEPA review process with other statutory requirements, including the ESA and the National Historical Preservation Act. In addition, Ms. Taub has been involved in the litigation of several NEPA cases, both at the district court and appellate levels.

**Appellate Litigation**

Ms. Taub's experience in appellate litigation includes an appeal of a ground-breaking CERCLA case in the Second Circuit, challenging federal regulations and other agency actions in the DC Circuit, a Ninth Circuit NEPA appeal, and drafting amicus briefs and certiorari petitions for the US Supreme Court.

**Pesticide & Hazardous Chemical Regulation**

In the area of pesticide regulation, Ms. Taub's practice includes compliance counseling, regulatory development, judicial challenges to EPA regulations, and handling administrative actions. Ms. Taub's pesticide practice involves frequent interaction with the US EPA and state agencies, particularly with regard to antimicrobial pesticides. She also advises on and has handled data compensation disputes. In the area of hazardous chemical regulation, Ms. Taub counsels clients on TSCA, RCRA, CERCLA, and DOT HazMat compliance. She has successfully petitioned DOT for HazMat exemptions and EPA and state agencies for other types of waivers and variances. She also handles commenting on hazardous chemical regulations for clients, and has successfully challenged regulations in federal court.

**Representative Matters**

- Negotiated settlements of EPA enforcement matters under FIFRA, EPCRA, and TSCA, including under EPA's self-report/audit policy.
- Petitioned DOT for HazMat exemptions, interpretations, and other regulatory action.
- Successful administrative appeal of a Corps wetlands determination.

Court of Appeals, DC  
Circuit, 1993-1994

**Bar & Court Admissions**  
District of Columbia

## Cynthia L. Taub

- Successful federal court challenge for “unreasonable delay” on Interior’s processing of a tribal petition for federal acknowledgement.
- Successful appeal of a complex tax matter before the New York Supreme Court.

### **Selected Publications**

Chemical Regulatory Analyst: NIOSH Seeking Comment on Carcinogen and Related Exposure Policies  
August 24, 2011

### **Professional Affiliations**

Pesticide Subcommittee, American Bar Association, Section on Natural Resources, Energy and Environment