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During his illustrious career as an environmental attorney, Phil Fargotstein has counseled a variety of clients, including large electricity generating facilities, cement manufacturers, natural gas distribution facilities, smelters, mines and manufacturing facilities in almost every aspect of environmental law. He represents industrial clients on environmental air quality compliance, transactions and permitting, and enforcement issues and appeals.

As an environmental litigator, Phil relishes the challenge of comprehending massive amounts of information compiled during the discovery process, and then, communicating this material in a compelling way to the fact finder on behalf of his clients. Needless to say, Phil is often the one who gets the call to defend business and property owners on underground storage tanks, hazard waste issues, air quality, and the Clean Water Act enforcement actions and cost recovery actions under state and federal Superfund statutes. While serving in the Marine Corps artillery in California, Phil aspired to become a judge advocate. This fateful decision led Phil to study at Harvard Law School, and to a career as a civil litigation attorney. Phil's passion for environmental law began in the 1970s, when he served as a law specialist for the Marines base. Today, the retired colonel advises clients on climate change issues, and develops federal and regulatory programs to address climate change.

Outside of his work as an environmental attorney, Phil is married and his two adult children are his pride and joy – one in San Francisco involved in international business, and one living in D.C., following in her father's footsteps as an attorney. His motorcycle days have been replaced with long hikes through the wilds of Arizona, and he knows his way around a shooting range, where the focus of putting holes through a paper target puts his active brain in a different place.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School
- B.S., United States Naval Academy

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Litigation
- Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental
- Renewable Energy and Clean Tech

AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*[®], Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, 2005-2021
- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyers for Business, 2005-2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*[®], Lawyer of the Year, Environmental Law, 2019
- Recipient, Outstanding Mentor, Arizona State University Program on Law and Sustainability Mentorship Initiative, 2017
- Diversity Leader Award by the *Diversity Journal*, 2015
- Selected, AZ Business Leaders - Law - Environmental, *AZ Big Media*, 2013-2014
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*[®], Environmental, 2007-2009, 2012-2014
- Arizona's Top Lawyers, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2013
- AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "Underground Storage Tank Chapter," *Arizona Environmental Law Manual*, Arizona State Bar
- Contributing Author, *Southern Arizona Environmental Society Monthly Newsletter*
- Contributing Author, *Arizona Environmental Law Manual*, Published by Federal Publications
- Lead Section Editor, Natural Resources Law, State Bar Environmental Law Manual
- Former Editor, *State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section Newsletter*
- Lecturer, Continuing Legal Education Division, State Bar of Arizona Environmental and Natural Resources Section
- Former Lecturer, Arizona State University, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Lecturer, Hazardous Waste and Pollution Insurance Coverage Issues, National Business Institute

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, State Bar of Arizona, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section
- Member, Maricopa County Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, American Bar Association, Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section
- Former Lt. Gov., Southwest District, Kiwanis International
- Colonel, USMCR (Retired)

ADMISSIONS

- Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Armed Forces