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- California
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#### EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, *magna cum laude*, 1982
- B.A., Boston University, *summa cum laude*, 1979

John Cermak's practice focuses primarily on environmental, health and safety counseling and judicial and administrative litigation. Mr. Cermak litigates toxic tort suits, UST cost-recovery and damages actions, environmental common law tort actions, Clean Water Act pretreatment penalty actions, pre-litigation assessment of environmental claims, appellate court challenges to agency rulemakings, and proceedings before administrative agencies, including at the federal level, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and in California, the State Water Quality Control Board and its Regional Boards, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He represents clients, including PRP groups, in complex multiparty Superfund cost recovery actions. Moreover, he also regularly counsels clients on issues relating to water quality, air quality, hazardous and solid waste, land use issues (CEQA and NEPA), health and safety, Proposition 65 and environmental compliance. Mr. Cermak regularly handles the environmental aspects of the purchase and sale of real property, including review of Phase I, II and III reports. He has extensive experience in the environmental due diligence aspects of corporate mergers and acquisitions and also advises and counsels his clients regarding various federal, state and local environmental laws.

Mr. Cermak is a member of the American and Los Angeles County Bar Associations and U.S. District Court for the Central District of California (Settlement Officer, April 1998 to present).