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### Overview

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Dan Flynn represents governmental entities, individual consumers, and corporate clients—all with one primary goal in mind: ensuring the protection of human health and the environment. His stewardship ensures not only that polluters be held responsible for contamination and clean-up, but that communities receive the justice they deserve. As chair of DiCello Levitt's Environmental Litigation Practice Group, Dan assists corporate entities, governmental agencies, and the public by ensuring that companies that have contaminated the environment and violated regulations take responsibility for their actions. Through common law claims, citizen suits, enforcement actions, and contribution and cost recovery actions, he ensures polluters and bad actors remediate the harm they have caused.

Dan is part of the DiCello Levitt team working with several states in investigating and addressing poly- and perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contamination. DiCello Levitt's environmental team works with state attorneys general in pursuing claims against PFAS and AFFF manufacturers and PCB manufacturers for damage that these contaminants have done to state natural resources and the environment.

Dan also represents public clients in litigation seeking to hold the world's largest fossil fuel companies accountable for decades of deception concerning climate change and the costs and other consequences that climate change is imposing on those governments.

Dan is a court appointed Co-Lead Counsel of *In re Bio-Lab Class Actions*, a case on behalf of more than 90,000 residents and business owners in Conyers, Georgia, and the surrounding area who have been affected by a catastrophic chemical fire.

Dan and DiCello Levitt's environmental team served as Co-Lead Counsel in the Rockton, Illinois community's class action against Chemtool Incorporated, *Grasley v. Chemtool, Inc.*, No. 2021-L-



0000162 (Winnebago Cty.), for contamination resulting from a chemical plant fire that burned for days, which required the evacuation of the surrounding community and resulted in contamination of properties for miles around the plant, which settled for \$100 million.

Dan and DiCello Levitt's environmental team also joined with co-counsel in representing several residents and former residents of Union, Illinois in filing suit against companies responsible for polluting the groundwater with carcinogenic chlorinated solvents.

Dan also frequently counsels clients on developing and maintaining state-of-the-art environmental, safety, and health programs that ensure the protection of human health and the environment and that all employees enjoy safe and healthful workplaces. He works closely with both his clients to enhance environmental protection and employee safety and health well beyond EPA's and OSHA's minimum requirements.

Dan received his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and graduated cum laude with his J.D. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

## Practice Areas

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ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

PUBLIC CLIENT

## Education

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Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*

Illinois Wesleyan University, B.A.

## Awards & Honors

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500 Leading Environmental Lawyers, *Lawdragon* (2026)

## Publications & Presentations

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Contributor, "Arguing Class Actions: CAFA's Local Controversy Exception," *National Law Journal*, December 2024

"SCOTUS Checks and Balances the Trump EPA's Attacks on Clean Water", DiCello Levitt Environmental Practice Group Update (April 28, 2020)

"Uncertainty Abounds in Wake of WOTUS Repeal," *The Illinois Manufacturer* (Fourth Quarter 2019)

- “OSHA Under the Trump Administration,” American Society of Safety Professionals: Safety 2019 (June 11, 2019)
- “Regulating Hazardous Chemicals: The Overlap Between EPA’s Risk Management Program and OSHA’s Process Safety Management Standard,” Kentucky Chamber Environmental Conference (Mar. 15, 2019)
- “Reducing Regulations: An OSHA Legislative and Enforcement Update,” Indiana Safety & Health Expo (Feb. 28, 2019)
- “Secretary of Labor Seeks to Limit Availability of Duplicative Defense to OSHA Citations,” Forbes (Nov. 30, 2018)
- “How To Navigate Temporary Worker Issues That Arise During OSHA Inspections,” Forbes (Oct. 15, 2018)
- “How Manufacturers Can Keep Temporary Workers Safe,” Forbes (Aug. 31, 2018)
- “Don’t Forget OSHA Standards: Beyond EPA’s Hazardous Chemical Requirements,” Kentucky Chamber of Commerce: Environmental Conference (Mar. 8, 2018)
- “Silica Update,” CalCIMA Spring Thaw (Feb. 27, 2018)
- “Reducing Regulations: An OSHA Legislative and Enforcement Update,” North Dakota Safety Council: 45th Annual Safety Conference (Feb. 23, 2018)
- “Legislative Update and What’s Hot with OSHA,” Assurex Global Loss Control & Claims Meeting (Sept. 13, 2017)
- “OSHA Issues Final Rule on Recordkeeping Amendment/Enforcement Blueprint,” Currents, Great Lakes Graphics Association (July 2016); LTFL Client Alerts, Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC (May 11, 2016)
- “EPA and OSHA – Self Audit Policies,” Three Rivers Manufacturing Association, Joliet, Illinois (Mar. 15, 2016)
- “OSHA Half-Day Workshop,” Printing Industries of America and Great Lakes Graphics Association, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (Sept. 28, 2015)
- “Another Blueprint for Enforcement: OSHA Announces Final Rule Amending Recordkeeping Standard,” Pipeline, Underground Contractors Association (October 2014)
- “Mid-Year OSHA Enforcement Update: Keep your Employees and Your Business Safe,” Working Parts, SMC Business Councils (May/June 2014)
- “What Environmental Lawyers Need to Know About CERCLA’s Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Provision,” ExecSense Webinar (May 19, 2011)
- “Shame on You: OSHA Regulation by Shaming,” The Horton Group (Spring 2011)
- “Potential Pitfalls of OSHA Settlements,” Render (February 2011)
- “Expanded Opportunities Under Clean Coal, Coal, and Renewable Energy Project Financing Bill,” Seyfarth Shaw Environmental & Safety Report, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (Aug. 24, 2009)



## **Admissions & Memberships**

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### **Bar Admissions**

Illinois

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

### **Memberships**

The American Bar Association, OSHA Section