



James Crisafulli

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Overview

James Crisafulli specializes in environmental litigation and has assisted lawyers in litigating some of the largest and most groundbreaking environmental cases in the country. James constantly searches for innovative ways to push the law forward to serve his clients, and his focus on efficacy and efficiency helps clients consistently achieve meaningful results.

While in law school, James worked with a variety of firms and organizations bringing important environmental lawsuits against polluters across the United States. As a law clerk at a leading, California-based environmental litigation firm, he helped sue the largest fossil fuel companies in the world for their roles in implementing a campaign of deception concerning the impacts of fossil fuels on the climate, work that he continues with DiCello Levitt. Relatedly, James fought for the rights of youth to a healthy environment and safe climate as a law clerk at the nonprofit, public interest law firm Our Children's Trust. James also served as a law clerk in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser, where he researched international environmental law issues and helped prepare for treaty negotiations, among other duties, and he was a legal intern at a New York-based social justice law firm, where he drafted complaints seeking redress for greenwashing and harmful agricultural practices. In these roles, James gained valuable experience not only in environmental litigation matters but also in consumer protection and public client representation.

James graduated from the George Washington University Law School at the top of his class. During his time there, he was published in two flagship law journals for his environmental law scholarship and was recognized for his contributions to the field. James also advanced to the international finals in a global environmental law moot court competition hosted by Stetson Law School and was individually recognized for his oral advocacy. James graduated in three years from Northwestern University with a degree in political science, after which he completed the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs in Los Angeles, where he is from.

Practice Areas

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

PUBLIC CLIENT

MASS TORT LITIGATION

Education

The George Washington University Law School, J.D. Northwestern University, B.A.

Awards & Honors

The Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Law Scholarship, **The George Washington University Law School** (2024)

John Bell Lerner Award, **The George Washington University Law School** (2024)

Phi Beta Kappa Centennial Prize, **Northwestern University** (2020)

Senior Fellow, **Humanity in Action** (2020)

Publications & Presentations

Contributing Author, "2025 Climate Change Committee Report," American Bar Association, June 2026

"From a Shield to a Sword: Using the Dormant Commerce Clause to Challenge State Laws Promoting Fossil Fuels," 59 Univ. San Francisco L. Rev. (2025)

"'Individually Minor but Collectively Significant': The Right to Cumulative Impact Analyses and Substantive Protections in Wilmington, California," 27 Chapman Law Review 27 (2024).

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

California

Memberships

American Bar Association, Year-in-Review Vice Chair

American Association for Justice

Global Shapers

Climate Reality Project, Mentor