

PROFILE

**Tracy D. Hester***Senior Counsel*

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- Energy
- Environmental Strategies
- Government
- Technology and Telecommunications

Admitted

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Texas

Education

- J.D., Stone Scholar, Columbia University School of Law, 1986
- B.A., high honors, Phi Beta Kappa, The University of Texas at Austin, 1983

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th and District of Columbia Circuits

Experience

Tracy Hester is a professor at the University of Houston Law Center and the Director of UHLC's Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Center. After serving as a partner for sixteen years and leading the Houston office's environmental group, Mr. Hester is now senior counsel on Bracewell's environmental team. At Bracewell, he counsels clients in regulatory matters, emphasizing enforcement defense, climate change compliance and liability, permitting, environmental diligence in acquisitions and transactions, and cost recovery litigation. Mr. Hester also focuses on the innovative application of environmental laws to emerging technologies, such as wind and other renewable power projects, and on novel compliance strategies. He has helped lead efforts to assess how existing environmental laws will apply to new nanoscale materials.

Some of the most admired, independent legal-ranking surveys state that Mr. Hester impresses clients with his "time-conscious responses and friendly manner" and that he "has great problem-solving skills: he has the ability to think through really difficult problems and is highly creative."

Noteworthy

- Elected to American Law Institute, 2004
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers, Environmental, 2003-2009
- Highly Recommended Individual Attorney, Practical Law Company, Environmental Law
- Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2010
- Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2009
- Texas Super Lawyers, 2003-2009