

Michael O. Hill

Michael Hill is Founder & Principal of Alba Environmental Law, Policy & Risk Management, a law firm and surplus lines insurance brokerage he founded in 2004. Licensed as an attorney and broker, Michael focuses on insurance (traditional and captive) and other risk management alternatives to provide a uniquely broad range of environmental risk management options. Areas of focus include military base, power plant and other brownfield cleanups and redevelopments; environmental trusts and industrial bankruptcies; and support for renewable energy, carbon credits, and other climate-supporting activities.

Michael began his career as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Albert W. Coffrin, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont. He later served as a U.S. Department of Justice Trial Attorney, where he represented EPA and received DOJ's Awards for Outstanding Service and Special Achievement. He was later a partner in a large Washington law firm, where his clients included TRC (NYSE:TRR), a remediation contractor that pioneered the use of environmental insurance to guarantee cleanups for a fixed price. Michael joined TRC as Senior Vice President and, during his four-year tenure as outside counsel and officer (1998–2002), TRC's stock price rose over tenfold based largely on the cleanup program.

Michael briefly left the practice of law (2002 – 2004) to become National Leader and then Global Chair of Marsh's Environmental Practice, then the world's largest broker of environmental insurance. He created Alba in 2004 to offer clients legal as well as brokerage services in one firm because both are inherently needed and intertwined in most environmental risk management projects.

Following 2010 nomination by the White House Council on Environmental Quality, for two years Michael took a part-time leave from Alba to serve as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of the \$773M Environmental Trust created by the U.S. and 15 State and Tribal Governments to remediate and redevelop the 89 properties left behind in the GM bankruptcy, then the largest industrial bankruptcy, and largest remediation and redevelopment trust in U.S. history.

Since its inception, Alba has provided legal, brokering, and/or consulting services to public entities including the Air Force, Army, NGA and DOJ; to some of the nation's largest industrial clients; to the nation's largest Brownfield developer; and to large and small non-profits. Michael has also served as an expert witness in several judicial and utility commission proceedings. Project sizes have ranged from \$5M to \$1.8B, and increasingly have come to rely on alternative forms of risk management (*e.g.*, captives, cell-captives and trusts instead of or along with traditional insurance).

Michael graduated from Williams College, attended Vermont Law School for one year and graduated from Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. He has published and spoken frequently on the subject of environmental insurance, trusts and other risk management options. He is an expert commentator for the International Risk Management Institute and has served on several non-profit Boards.



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