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Robert W. Whetzel, chair of the firm's Litigation Department, handles a wide range of **business and commercial** matters, with an emphasis on **technology**, **environmental**, energy and **intellectual property** disputes. Bob represents manufacturers, energy companies, utilities, developers, lenders, municipalities and others in litigation and regulatory matters. He has extensive experience with federal and state environmental agencies, and with enforcement, permitting, and transactional matters.

Experience

- Representation of a manufacturer of electrical components in defense of intellectual property litigation
- Representation of a petrochemical manufacturer in arbitration relating to valuation of interest in a joint venture
- Representation of refinery in dispute relating to supply agreement and damage to operations of the facility

Publications

- "Practical Considerations for Commercial Lenders Regarding Environmental Liability," *Delaware Banker*, Spring 2019
- "Tank Trap? Lender Liability Reform and Expanded Scope of Underground Storage Tank Liability for Owners and Operators," *Delaware Banker*, Summer 2014
- "Dispute Resolution 2014: Delaware," *Getting the Deal Through*, June 2014
- "Delaware Grants Authority to State Environmental Agency to Impose Environmental Liens to Recover Investigation and Clean-up Costs," *Delaware Banker*, Summer 2013
- "Dispute Resolution 2013: Delaware," *Getting the Deal Through*, June 2013

Awards

- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 2008
- *Best Lawyers' Wilmington, DE Environmental Lawyer of the Year*, 2015, 2012
- *Super Lawyers*, since 2009
- *Delaware Today* Top Lawyer, Environmental Law, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010; Top Vote Getter, 2014, 2013

Leadership

- American College of Environmental Lawyers, Founding Member
- Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Committee, Chair
- Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Delaware State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, Past Chair
- The Stroud Center, Board of Directors

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Villanova University School of Law, Order of the Coif, 1984
- B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Delaware, 1981

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware, 1984
- United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1984

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Environmental
- Administrative Law
- Energy
- Delaware Rapid Arbitration
- Sustainability
- Real Estate Services