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Mr. Civins has practiced all aspects of environmental law since 1975. He advises clients on regulatory requirements, he assists them in the evaluation and negotiation of corporate transactions, and he represents them in environmental and toxic tort litigation.

As an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Civins taught a seminar on Environmental Law Concerns to Business in 1987 and has taught a seminar on Environmental Litigation each Spring since 1992. He is co-editor of the Thomson West Texas Practice 2-volume treatise on Texas Environmental Law (1997 and 2005 editions).

Mr. Civins recently has represented:

- Lenders on environmental issues associated with the TXU Buyout.
- The parent company of a mining and smelting company in a series of environmental estimation hearings in bankruptcy court.
- An airline in settling litigation with another airline regarding contamination at JFK Airport.
- A major energy company in the permitting of a power plant .
- A national real estate company in the sale of its national portfolio of commercial properties.

Honors

- Top environmental lawyer in Texas -- Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers (2003-present) ("Star" Classification -- 2006-present)
- Best Lawyers in America (1989-present)
- Who's Who Legal: USA – Environment (2006-present)
- Top-Notch Environmental Lawyer – Texas Lawyer (2007)
- Texas Super Lawyer -- Texas Monthly (2003-present)
- Top 50 Lawyers in Central and West Texas -- Texas Monthly (2003-present)
- Austin Business Journal Best of Business Attorneys -- Environmental (2005)

Education

J.D., University of Texas, 1975, with honors; Order of the Coif
M.S., in Chemistry, Pennsylvania State University, 1970
A.B., in Chemistry, Brandeis University, 1967

Memberships

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Past Chair, and Chair, Annual Texas Environmental Superconference; Administrative Law and Litigation Sections, State Bar of Texas; American Bar Association, Sections of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and of Litigation and Administrative Law; Air and Waste Management Association, Central Texas Chapter, Past Chair; American Chemical Society -- Environment Division; Environmental Law Institute; Texas Law Foundation; University of Texas Law School Alumni Association Executive Board, Keeton Fellow, and Dean's Roundtable; Past President, Communities-In-Schools, Central Texas Chapter.

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Selected Publications and Presentations

- “Reconciling Shareholder Value Creation with Stakeholder Interests -- Corporate Sustainability,” Panel Chair, Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance -- 4th Annual National Conference, UT Dallas (October 26, 2006)
- Conference Chair and Speaker on “All Appropriate Inquiry,” The Eighteenth Annual Texas Environmental Superconference, the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Water Environment Association of Texas, the Texas Association of Environmental Professionals, the Air and Waste Management Association-Southwest Section, the Auditing Roundtable, and the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (ABA-SEER) (August 3-4, 2006)
- “Doing Environmental Due Diligence,” American College of Real Estate Lawyers Quarterly, (May 2006) and ABA-SEER Environmental Transactions and Brownfields Committee Newsletter (Nov. 2006)
- “All Appropriate Inquiries -- Are They Appropriate?” with M. Mendoza, BNA Environmental Due Diligence Guide (Jan. 19, 2006, No. 167) and BNA EHS Strategies (Jan. 2006, No. 1)
- “Transactional Environmental Due Diligence -- What diligence is due?” with M. Mendoza, Natural Resources & Environment, ABA-SEER (Winter 2006)
- “Public Participation in Environmental Permitting and Enforcement Proceedings,” with Iris Gibson, University of Texas School of Law Administrative Law Conference (June 28-29, 2005)
- “The Third Party and Transaction-Related Defenses,” with M. Mendoza and C. Fernandez, ABA-SEER Environmental Litigation & Toxic Torts Committee Newsletter (July 2005)
- “Environmental Management Systems,” with A. Strong and C. Fernandez, Chapter 31, Volumes 45-46, Thomson West Texas Practice (2005)
- “Environmental Aspects of Business Transactions,” with B. Phillippi, Chapter 32, Volumes 45-46, Thomson West Texas Practice (2005-2007)
- “Fundamentals of Environmental Law,” State Bar of Texas Ten Minute Mentor
- “Cleanup Help Not Available,” with J. Eldridge, Texas Lawyer (Jan. 10, 2005)
- “Proper environmental due diligence should be part of a stock acquisition,” Austin Business Journal (Dec. 3-9, 2004), Dallas Business Journal; Birmingham Business Journal
- “Who’s Liable Now? New Federal Brownfields Legislation,” with B. Phillippi, Texas Bar Journal (Dec. 2002), reprinted in Real Estate Issues (Winter 2003-2004)
- “Practical Advice for Defense Counsel in Mass Toxic Tort Cases,” with M. Mazzone and E. Kohn, Texas Lawyer (Nov. 2001)
- “Water Issues for Oil & Gas Producers,” Southwest Legal Foundation (2001)