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LOCATED IN
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MEET EDDIE

> *"I enjoy helping my clients succeed with their real estate and land use issues, from idea to operation, using creative problem solving and collaboration with stakeholders to achieve mutually beneficial solutions."*
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> **— Edwin W. Slade III**

Eddie is an attorney in Obermayer's Business and Finance Department, focusing his practice on real estate transactions, zoning, land use, environmental, and related regulatory matters. As a member of the firm's Real Estate, and Land Use and Zoning team, he counsels developers, property owners, businesses, and public entities through every stage of a project, from land acquisition and due diligence to permitting, development, and facility operation. Eddie represents clients both in transactional and litigation matters.

Drawing on his extensive background in environmental and natural resources law, Eddie provides practical, solutions-oriented advice on complex regulatory and land use issues. Before joining Obermayer, he served as General Counsel for a state environmental agency and as an Assistant Attorney General for a state land department, giving him firsthand insight into government processes and regulatory decision-making.

Outside of his practice, Eddie enjoys spending time with his wife Juliana and family, especially outdoors. He enjoys boating, camping, hiking, gardening, playing soccer, and keeping up with his young son. He is proud to help communities through his work, mentoring, and volunteering, including the community where he grew up, Doylestown, PA.

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EXPERIENCE

Eddie has extensive experience working with developers, homebuilders, utilities, mines, farmers, ranchers, industry groups, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, state agencies, tribal nations, and the federal government, in both transactional matters and litigation. He provides practical, business-focused counsel on complex real estate, land use, environmental, and regulatory matters.

Eddie has provided transactional counsel and litigation representation to the Arizona State Land Department regarding sales, leases, land use, and water rights, including substantial representation on the novel issue of state title to the beds and banks of navigable streams.

Serving as General Counsel for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Eddie oversaw all legal support and was a member of the agency's executive leadership team, helping to manage all aspects of the agency and its $250MM budget.

By working cooperatively and proactively with the regulated community, establishing agency performance metrics, and providing robust training, Eddie was able to increase compliance outcomes for the agency while also creating regulatory certainty for permittees.

Eddie helped draft and pass a state's new surface water protection program into law, providing greater stability for the regulated community amid the shifting scope of federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction. The program ultimately received support from homebuilders, ranchers, mining companies, municipalities, and the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

Eddie also served as executive sponsor and principal drafter of a state's Environmental Permitting Handbook and its separate Environmental Compliance Handbook, creating resources that promote efficient permitting and effective compliance for both regulators and the regulated community.

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Eddie has served as a Big Brother Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters for more than 10 years. He has served as an Executive Council Member for the Environmental and Natural Resources Section of the Arizona State Bar Association and as an Arizona State Bar Educator for new attorneys. He has been recognized with awards from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and served as host of the agency's celebration and awards ceremony for several years. He also received the Arizona Attorney General's Office Emerging Star Award.

Publications:

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- *The Keystone Pipeline Addition: Assessing the Potential Benefits of Reduced Gasoline Prices & Increased National Security*, 46 CREIGHTON L. REV. 27 (DEC. 2012)
- *2023 Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Compliance Handbook* (JAN. 2023) – ADEQ's operating policy for complaints, inspections, compliance, and enforcement, for staff and the regulated community, with standard work, timeframes, and outcome metrics.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, J.D.

Connecticut College, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Arizona

Pennsylvania

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Environmental

Industry Focus

Real Estate & Construction

Business & Finance

Real Estate

Zoning & Land Use

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