



For over 30 years, Cindy has been assisting clients nationwide with resolving environmental problems through her experience as an attorney and chemical engineer. Before her legal career began over 25 years ago, she worked as an environmental consulting engineer, completing air permits, removing underground storage tanks, and conducting asbestos inspections, among other projects. Prior to founding C Bishop Law in 2011, she was a partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP in Dallas.

Ms. Bishop's legal and technical background enables her to effectively and efficiently understand and resolve environmental problems. She has a broad range of litigation experience, including litigating federal CERCLA contribution and cost recovery actions before the US Supreme Court as well as state statutory and common law claims involving property damage allegedly caused by contamination. Ms. Bishop has also defended numerous clients in environmental enforcement actions initiated by municipalities, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, reducing or eliminating penalties.

She has helped clients close impacted sites using innovative, risk-based approaches, saving one client over \$4 million in estimated cleanup costs. She has assisted clients with obtaining closure on properties using municipal setting designations (MSD). She has also reviewed numerous environmental reports and records for properties to determine potential environmental liabilities for lenders and real estate developers and has defended potentially responsible parties in litigation with state and federal agencies to minimize the clients' liability at contaminated properties. She has reduced or eliminated state and federal penalties for clients through the Texas Audit Privilege Act and EPA's Self-Disclosure Policy.

Cindy's clients range from Fortune 50 companies to small businesses, including energy companies, chemical manufacturers, commercial developers, and airlines.

Experience

- Served as lead defense attorney for PRP defense group in Superfund site in west Texas. Analyzed EPA's technical documents to formulate divisibility argument.
- Quantified environmental risks at former industrial property enabling property to be sold for mixed-use with lender financing.
- Saved client over \$4 million in estimated cleanup costs by recommending risk-based closure approach.



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Education

J.D. Southern Methodist
University Dedman School of Law
(1994)

B.S. Chemical Engineering, The
Ohio State University (1986)

Qualified Mediator 40-Hour
Training Course, University of
North Texas, (2018)

Professional Licenses

Admitted to practice before:

Texas State Courts

U.S. District Court for the
Northern and Southern Districts of
Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth
Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Licensed Professional Engineer –
Texas

- Obtained dismissal of municipal wastewater violation based on technical and legal defenses.
- Created a Municipal Setting Designation program for five cities in order to assist clients with getting a risk-based closure for property within city limits as a substantial cost savings.
- In two separate federal cost recovery actions, she received favorable summary judgment decisions within one thirty-day period.

Speaking Engagements

Cindy speaks frequently on topics including:

- Environmental due diligence in commercial transactions
- Oil & Gas Compliance with Risk Management rules
- How to respond to an inspection
- Per fluor-alkyl substances (PFOS)

Honors and Awards

Recognized, The Best Lawyers in America - Environmental Law (Steven Naifeh & Gregory White Smith eds., Woodward/White, Inc.) (2008 – 2020)

Ranked, Chambers USA (Environmental Law 2011 - 2020)

Best Lawyers in Dallas 2017 - 2020 (D Magazine)

Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year – Litigation - Environmental Dallas/Fort Worth Region - 2021 (D Magazine)

Texas Super Lawyer – 2014 – 2020 (Thomson Reuters)

Top 50 Women Attorneys in Texas – 2018 (Thomson Reuters)

Who’s Who Legal: Environmental 2017 (Law Business Research Ltd) Distinguished Peer Review™ rating, Martindale-Hubbell® 4.4 out of 5

Community/Professional Involvement

State Bar of Texas
Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section (Past Chair)

Dallas Bar Association
Environmental Law Section (Past Chair)

Denton County Bar Association

Women in the Environment (Past Chair)

