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Daniel Pope advises energy, infrastructure, and industrial clients on environmental permitting and transactions and represents clients in litigation and environmental enforcement defense under a number of environmental and natural resources statutes and regulatory programs. Daniel's practice includes providing support and guidance to clients as they perform environmental compliance audits under state and federal frameworks. He has also advised clients on environmental issues connected with emergency response and has assisted in internal investigations regarding compliance with environmental laws.

Daniel has represented numerous high-profile projects against several citizen suits and related claims under the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition to closely tracking regulatory developments that affect the midstream industry, Daniel monitors nongovernmental organization litigation against rules and policies that can affect the industry and energy markets more broadly.

Daniel also hosts the [Environmental Law Monitor](#), Bracewell's environmental and natural resources law and policy podcast.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Daniel served in the Office of the Attorney General of Texas as an intern in the Civil Medicaid Fraud Division, and eventually as a law clerk in the Special Litigation Division. He also served as a judicial assistant for The Honorable Fred Biery, Judge to the US District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division.

### Industries

[Energy](#)

### Practices

[Environment, Lands and](#)

[Resources](#)

[Government Enforcement &](#)

[Investigations](#)

## Credentials

### Education

- Tulane University, J.D., 2018, *with honors*
- Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, M.A., 2010
- Auburn University, B.A., 2007

### Bar Admissions

- Texas

### BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Energy Law, 2024 – 2025

### Office of the Attorney General of Texas

- Special Litigation Division, Law Clerk, 2016
- Civil Medicaid Fraud Division, Intern, 2015

### US District Court for the Western District of Texas

- San Antonio, Judicial Assistant

### The University of Texas School of Law

- *Texas Law Review*, Associate Editor

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## Resources

### Demystifying The Good Neighbor Rule: Summary and Litigation Update

Podcast

### Environmental Compliance: Readiness for a Potential Change in Administration

Update

### EPA's Risk Management Plan With Craig Haas

Podcast

### Reps & Warranties Insurance

Podcast

## **Environmental Law Seminar, November 9-10**

Podcast

## **WOTUS, the ESA, and Permitting Through Changing Regulations With Ann Navaro and Brittany Pemberton**

Podcast

## **Quick Hit: WOTUS after the Vacatur**

Podcast

## **The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: What's New and What to Expect**

Podcast

## **Environmental Justice**

Podcast

## **The Benefits of Environmental Compliance Audits**

Podcast

## **Climate Change**

Podcast

## **EPA Draft Guidance Memorandum on the Application of County of Maui**

Blog Post

## **FOIA's Deliberative-Process Privilege and the ESA**

Blog Post

## **Public Interest? Federal Court Questions USACE Review of Need for Hospital**

Blog Post

## **Department of Interior Revokes Migratory Bird Treaty Act Rule**

Blog Post

## **The Air Up There: SCOTUS Grants Cert in <i>West Virginia v. EPA</i>**

Podcast

## **2022 Preview – Politics and Policymaking**

Podcast

## **General Counsel Perspectives on ESG**

Podcast

## **Federal Natural Resource Management, Permitting, and Species Protection – Expectations for 2022**

Video

## **The Future of NEPA**

Podcast

## **Going Green in the Brownfields: Michael Borkowski and the Community Power Group**

Podcast

## **Environmental Enforcement, Suspension and Debarment With Robert Wagman, Jason Hutt and Kevin Collins**

Podcast

## **Offshore Wind Litigation With Daniel Pope, Ty Johnson and Taylor Stuart**

Podcast

## **Understanding <i>West Virginia v. EPA</i>, Part 1: The Opinions**

Podcast

## **Understanding <i>West Virginia v. EPA</i>, Part 2: The Impact**

Podcast

## **Looking Ahead With Erin Chancellor**

Podcast

## **Environmental Auditing With Tim Wilkins**

Podcast

## **Back to the Future, Part 1: Learning PFAS Lessons From the History of MTBE With Steven Cook**

Podcast

## **Back to the Future, Part 2: Learning PFAS Lessons From the History of MTBE With Steven Cook**

Podcast

## **Environmental Essentials Webinar Series – Updates on Waters of the United States**

Video

## **Environmental Essentials Webinar Series – Sackett II/WOTUS IX: Implementation of the Supreme Court’s Interpretation of “Waters of the US” Under the Clean Water Act**

Video

## **The Role of Tax Incentives in Driving Carbon Capture and Environmental Compliance**

Podcast

## **Monitor/Sidebar Crossover Part 2: I Am the One Who Knocks**

Podcast

## **Climate Change: A Policy Driver in Agency Decision Making**

Video

## **Clean Water Act: The Good, The Bad, and The Muddy**

Video

## **Environmental Essentials Webinar Series – Citizen Suits**

Video

## **Clean Water Act Developments**

Video

## **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure with Phil Bezanson and Seth DuCharme**

Podcast

## **Determining Corporate Liability in the Context of Environmental Risk: Making Sense of *United States v. Bestfoods***

Podcast

## **Community Engagement With Jackie Medcalf**

Podcast

## ***Chevron* Overboard? *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* With Prof. Kristin Hickman**

Podcast

## **Monitor/Sidebar Crossover Part 1: I Am The One Who Knocks**

Podcast

## **Bankruptcy and Environmental Law**

Podcast

## **Sackett II Me: Breaking Down the Arguments in <i>Sackett v. EPA</i>**

Podcast

## **Associates Break Down the Fall Environmental Law Seminar**

Podcast

## **All I Want For Christmas Is...Permitting Reform**

Podcast

## **Happy Holidays: Looking Back, Looking Ahead**

Podcast

## **Key Developments in Environmental Law and Policy in 2023, and What's Ahead in 2024**

Podcast

## **A Strategic Approach to Emissions Credits With Anew's Kyle Breeze**

Podcast

## **Edwards Aquifer Blindcats: A Potentially Endangered Species With Amanda Glen and Ann Navaro**

Podcast

## **Breaking Down the Congressional Review Act: A Special CRA Explainer**

Podcast

## **The Role of NGOs and the Private Sector in Environmental Justice With Matthew Tejada and Steven Cook**

Podcast

## **Breaking Down the Congressional Review Act: A Special CRA Explainer**

Podcast

## **After ‘Chevron’ Deference, “Respect”: ‘Loper Bright’ and Agency Policymaking**

Article

## **Unpacking the Impact of NEPA Phase Two Regulations on Environmental Policy and Infrastructure Development**

Podcast

## **Navigable Waters Protection Rule Vacated—EPA & Corps to Treat Vacatur as Nationwide**

Update

## **Déjà Vu: CEQ to Reset NEPA Regulations, and Then Some**

Update

## **Under the Sea: Congress Amends OCSLA to Provide for Offshore CCS**

Update

## **USACE Changes Course on CWA Approved Jurisdictional Determinations**

Update

## **Council on Environmental Quality Seeks Input on Path Forward for Carbon Capture**

Update

## **Army Corps Issues Notice of Nationwide Permit 12 Review and Seeks Stakeholder Input**

Update

## **Nothing is More Expensive Than a Missed Opportunity: A Unique New Moment for Hazardous Waste Generators in Texas**

Update

## **Biden Administration Finalizes Redefinition of “Waters of the United States”**

Update

## **Compliance With a Few of EPA’s New RMP Program Changes Is Required Starting in May 2024**

Update

## **The Future Is <i>Loper Bright</i>**

Podcast

## **Environmental Essentials Webinar Series – Loper Bright Enterprises: Deference, Respect, and Early Impacts**

Video

## **Getting Practical With PFAS: Navigating the Challenges of Forever Chemicals**

Podcast

## **Unpacking the NEPA Ruling: Marin Audubon Society v. the FAA**

Podcast

## **The Reasonably Foreseeable Effects of Seven County Infrastructure Coalition**

Update

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- “After ‘Chevron’ Deference, “Respect”: ‘Loper Bright’ and Agency Policymaking,” *Reuters Legal News and Westlaw Today*, July 9, 2024.