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### MEMBER

Richard "Rick" A. Curry is a member in the firm's Baton Rouge office. His practice is concentrated in environmental regulatory matters and in environmental and other commercial litigation. Rick represents clients in trial and appellate courts in litigation involving environmental disputes, oil and gas contracts, toxic torts, Superfund and a wide variety of other commercial disputes. He regularly represents clients in environmental permitting and enforcement actions before state regulatory authorities.

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#### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association

#### Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell™* AV Preeminent®/Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Environmental), 2010–2019
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* (Civil Litigation: Defense; Environmental Litigation), 2011–2016

#### Recent Publications

February 15, 2013 [Alert: Louisiana Supreme Court Signals More Flexibility in Awarding Excessive Damage Claims in Legacy Cases](#)

On January 30, 2013, the Louisiana Supreme Court issued its decision in *State of Louisiana and the Vermilion Parish School Board v. The Louisiana Land & Exploration Company, et al.* Among other things, that decision addressed a mineral lessee's obligation to remediate contaminated property in legacy oilfield cases in those instances where the lease did not require the surface of property to be restored to its prelease condition. The Supreme Court concluded that, at least in certain circumstances, a landowner would be entitled to collect damages above and beyond the cost of restoring the property to regulatory standards established by the Office of Conservation of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

June 14, 2012 [New Legislation to Address Legacy Lawsuits in Louisiana](#)

Considerable effort was expended during the recently completed session of the Louisiana Legislature to reform the procedures for so-called "legacy lawsuits" arising out of historical oil and gas exploration and production activities. The new legislation was the product of extensive negotiations among representatives of landowners and oil and gas interests over the last several months. What came out of the process were two separate bills – House Bill 618 and Senate Bill 555. Together, the bills are intended to encourage quicker remediation of contaminated sites to regulatory standards, and to encourage earlier resolution of claims.

McGlinchey Alert

2012

Louisiana Law  
Chapter Author

Implementing Institutional Controls at Brownfields and Other Contaminated Sites

December 29, 2011 [Alert: EPA-CID Ups the Ante for Clean Air Act Violations in Louisiana](#)

#### Service Areas

Asbestos and Toxic Torts

Commercial Litigation

Energy

Energy Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Litigation

Environmental

Transactions and

Regulatory Compliance

Counseling

Government and Public Policy

White Collar/Government Investigations Group

#### Education

Louisiana State University  
Paul M. Hebert Law Center,  
J.D., 1977, Law Review

Louisiana State University,  
B.A., 1973

#### Admissions

Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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- June 9, 2011 [Alert: Update on Legislation Impacting Legacy Oilfield Litigation](#)
- May 17, 2011 [Responsible Corporate Officer Doctrine: Federal government takes an aggressive approach aimed at corporate executives](#)
- 2010 [Louisiana Law Chapter Author](#)  
[Brownfields: A Comprehensive Guide to Redeveloping Contaminated Property](#)
- April 24, 2009 [Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Issues Ruling on First Act 312 Hearing](#)  
*Tensas Poppadoc, Inc. et al v. Chevron USA, Inc., et al*  
No. 40769-B, 7th JDC, Concordia Parish, Louisiana
- May 10, 2006 [Alert: EPA Files a Request for Rehearing of the Air Regulation Exclusion Decision](#)
- Mar. 22, 2006 [Alert: Federal Appellate Court Strikes Down Air Regulation Exclusion for Minor Repair Projects](#)

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#### News Results

- August 15, 2019 [Forty-two McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2020; Six Named "Lawyer of the Year"](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 15, 2018 [Thirty-nine McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019; Four Receive "Lawyer of the Year" Honors](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 15, 2017 [Forty McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2018; Four Receive "Lawyer of the Year" Honors](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 15, 2016 [Forty-Three McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2017; Eight Named "Lawyer of the Year"](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- December 24, 2015 [Twenty-Six McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in Louisiana Super Lawyers 2016](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 18, 2015 [Forty-Two McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2016; Eight Named "Lawyer of the Year"](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- December 30, 2014 [Twenty-three McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized by Louisiana Super Lawyers](#)  
McGlinchey News Release

- August 28, 2014 [37 McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2015—Six Lawyers Named Lawyer of the Year](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- January 2, 2014 [2014 Louisiana Super Lawyers Magazine Recognizes Twenty-Six McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 20, 2013 [36 McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Listed as The Best Lawyers in America 2014](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- January 2, 2013 [Twenty-six McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Recognized by Louisiana Super Lawyers](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- August 31, 2012 [36 McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Named Best Lawyers in America 2013](#)  
McGlinchey News Release
- December 27, 2011 [Twenty McGlinchey Attorneys Selected as 2012 Louisiana Super Lawyers](#)
- September 24, 2011 [36 McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Named Best Lawyers in America 2012](#)
- December 28, 2010 [Super Lawyers Names 21 McGlinchey Attorneys in Ohio and Louisiana to its 2011 List](#)
- September 2, 2010 [30 McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Named Best Lawyers in America 2011](#)
- August 25, 2009 [McGlinchey Stafford is Home to 27 of the Best Lawyers in America 2010](#)