

CPM Represents Children's Trust Combatting Climate Change

CPM brought landmark case seeking to require federal officials to drastically reduce carbon emissions

CPM brought a landmark case seeking to require federal officials to drastically reduce carbon emissions that many scientists say contribute to climate change. The case, filed in Eugene, OR, the case was brought on behalf of 21 youth ranging in ages from 8 to 19, as well as climate scientist James Hansen. The Complaint seeks a finding that the government is violating their constitutional rights to life, liberty and property by allowing dangerous emissions to be released into the atmosphere, and breaching its obligations under the Public Trust Doctrine.

In September 2016, lawyers representing the federal government and the largest energy companies in the world argued to dismiss CPM's lawsuit. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken heard arguments about whether the plaintiffs presented valid legal claims that could be decided in court. The hearing was streamed live throughout Oregon and Washington. From the bench, Judge Ann Aiken: "Who will speak for the children?" In response, the government attorney stood at the lectern, silent. CPM attorney Phil Gregory and his team are handling the case.

Practice Areas

Contamination, Toxic Torts, and
Environmental Justice

Environmental Law

Municipal & Public Entity
Litigation