



ClientEarth is an organisation of activist lawyers committed to securing a healthy planet. We work in Europe and beyond, bringing together law, science and policy to create pragmatic solutions to key environmental challenges.

Our approach

At the heart of ClientEarth's past successes and future potential is the quality of its staff. A team of exceptional, committed young lawyers is backed by enviable counsel, including eminent figures in environmental law in both the UK and Europe.

Our legal approach to environmental problems is unique in Europe; until ClientEarth was established there was not one environmental NGO practising law for the public interest on a pan-European scale. We address the issues that citizens are concerned about, safeguarding the planet for future generations.

Our programmes

Our lawyers work in a broad range of fields. We undertake detailed research to identify key leverage points where our legal and scientific expertise will be most effective.

We work to ensure that future coal power in the UK adopts pollution-capturing technology from the outset.

We make sure that rules on deforestation and carbon credits protect indigenous communities.

The UK and the EU flout laws on access to justice; we are challenging them before the UN.

We are working on the Companies Act to ensure regard for the environment and society alongside shareholder value.

We ensure that the actions of the European Investment Bank are open to public scrutiny and that it makes environmentally sound investments.

We work to ensure that the UK government fulfils its obligations on air quality in London.

The EU common fisheries policy is to be reformed imminently; we are working to make sure the regulations create an environmentally sustainable industry.

We work to ensure that good environmental laws are enforced and that poor ones are challenged.

Our pedigree

ClientEarth was conceived in 2006 by Michael and Winsome McIntosh of the McIntosh Foundation and James Thornton, now ClientEarth's CEO.

The McIntoshs have nearly four decades' experience in the environmental movement and played a key role in developing public interest law in the US, notably helping to found the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a highly successful law and science environmental advocacy group.

James Thornton is a member of the bars of New York, California and the US Supreme Court, and a solicitor of England and Wales. Twenty years ago he founded NRDC's Los Angeles office, which does internationally important environmental work with the support of the Hollywood community.

ClientEarth's staff have been drawn from across Europe, the US and beyond. They represent a deep well of legal and policy expertise and are equipped like no other group in Europe to defend the rights of planet and people.

ClientEarth commentary

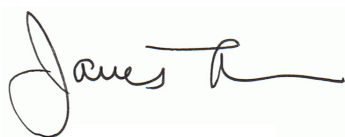
Brian Eno, patron: *"ClientEarth is essential to the green movement. Their legal, scientific and policy expertise mean that they are uniquely positioned to bring governments to account and carve out a new environmental agenda."*

Coldplay: *"We support ClientEarth because they approach environmental issues with the right balance of pragmatism and idealism."*

Simon Barnes, The Times: *"They are beautiful and wonderful and extraordinary lawyers... they are worth celebrating [...] All of us who would sooner see the Earth saved rather than not are on their side."*

Cole Moreton, New Statesman, profiling James Thornton alongside Barack Obama as one of 'Ten people who could change the world': *"He knows that small shifts in the law can change the world in a very big way."*

We are a registered charity. To continue to develop our programmes we need to build a strong membership base and attract new funding. Take a moment to visit our website www.clientearth.org and find out more about what we do.



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