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**Aminah always puts her clients' needs and objectives at the forefront, providing them with consistently on-point analyses and novel legal arguments.**

She focuses her practice on regulatory compliance counseling and environmental enforcement defense matters. She helps clients in a wide range of industries, including consumer product, retail, technology, and power generation, navigate through environmental regulatory schemes at the federal, state and local level. She has a sharp legal mind and is able to synthesize and translate complex regulations and legal analyses into easy-to-understand language.

Aminah has experience with matters arising under a variety of federal environmental laws including the CAA, CERCLA, CWA, EPCRA, FIFRA, and RCRA. She also has significant experience with California-specific regulatory schemes, including California's hazardous waste and materials management requirements, Extended Producer Responsibility legislation, and Proposition 65.

In addition to her regulatory practice, Aminah has successfully represented clients in civil and administrative enforcement proceedings, contaminated property litigation, citizen suits and administrative permitting challenges.

- Temple University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2007)
- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010)

### Bar Admissions

- California
- Maryland

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals – Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court - Maryland

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Member
- Sacramento Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Member
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento, Board Member

## Representative Matters

Highlights of Aminah's representative experience include:

- Defending individual and corporate clients against federal, state and local government enforcement actions, including responding to and negotiating work required under notices of violation, information requests, administrative subpoenas, and administrative orders.
- Assisting retail, automotive and manufacturing clients with negotiating resolutions of alleged hazardous waste and hazardous materials management violations asserted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and various California District Attorneys.
- Playing a significant role in a successful appeal, vacating federal district court judgment dismissing RCRA citizen suit claims seeking to address unremediated contamination migrating into the Baltimore Harbor in reported decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Securing reversal of erroneous refund claim denial made by local utility for nearly \$500,000.00 in sewer overpayments on behalf of a multinational cement manufacturing company and successfully defending the judgment in subsequent appeals.
- Successfully reversing civil penalty assessed by state underground utility authority on behalf of a corporate client in an appellate decision finding that the agency violated the company's due process rights and issued a decision with factual findings that were not supported by substantial evidence in the record.
- Providing key assistance on a team which obtained dismissal of a duplicative environmental enforcement action filed against property owners for alleged wetlands and water pollution violations and successfully defended dismissal on appeal.
- Counseling power-focused equity firm in \$600 million acquisition of three power-generating facilities, including managing and executing the transfer of more than 50 facility permits and related approvals.