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Beth works closely with clients to identify and limit environmental liabilities, effectively market their products, and manage their regulatory obligations.

Beth works with clients in the retail, consumer products, and electronics/IT sectors to bring their products to market, transport them globally, manage supply chains, and ensure appropriate handling of products at end-of-life. She co-chairs the firm's Retail group and works with retail companies and trade associations to identify and overcome the challenges posed by the myriad of environmental regulations. Due to her experience with reverse logistics, environmental auditing, due diligence, and drafting and negotiating environmental provisions of agreements, she approaches environmental issues from a systemic and business-oriented perspective.

As a trusted advisor to her clients, Beth helps them solve problems. She has a collaborative leadership style, working with client teams and other Beveridge & Diamond lawyers to understand her clients' needs, identify pressure points, build consensus, and find the right solution.

Beth advises and defends clients on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) hazardous materials transportation rules and their international dangerous goods transportation counterparts, and product materials restrictions and recycling requirements, including the European Union's Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directives. She has also represented trade associations and companies in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and DOT rulemakings.

Her transactional work includes due diligence for major acquisitions of chemical and other manufacturing facilities and product-specific due diligence focused on evaluating a target company's compliance with market access restrictions and other product requirements. She drafts and negotiates environmental provisions of agreements. Post-transaction, she works to transfer environmental permits, assists companies in integrating newly acquired assets and systems, and leads environmental compliance audits.

Beth considers herself fortunate to work with innovative companies that are looking to build a better world. She chose a career in environmental law because she is fascinated by the complexity of natural systems, their interrelationship with human progress, and the multidisciplinary approaches to solving environmental problems necessary to ensure a clean and healthy environment for today and generations to come.

Education

- Duke University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1999)
 - Biology
- University of Virginia (J.D., 2002)
 - Managing Editor, Virginia Environmental Law Journal

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- Virginia Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals - D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals – Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court – District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association; Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Section
- District of Columbia Bar Association; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section
- Virginia Bar Association; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Law Section

Publications

December 16, 2022

FTC Invites Comments on “Green Guides” Refresh

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October 6, 2021

California Prohibits Use of Chasing Arrows on Non-Recyclable Items

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April 9, 2019

EPA Proposal to Modernize the RCRA Ignitability Characteristic May Cause More Wastes to be Classified as Hazardous

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January 9, 2019

EPA Overhauls Rules for Pharmaceutical Wastes That Qualify as RCRA Hazardous Wastes

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2018

Environment: United States

Environment & Climate Regulation

2017

Environment: United States

Environment & Climate Regulation

September 26, 2016

DOT/PHMSA Proposes to Harmonize US Lithium Battery Transport Requirements With International Standards

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September 22, 2016

EPA Issues Strategy to Address the Mismatch Between the Federal Hazardous Waste Rules and the Retail Sector

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July 6, 2016

FedEx Settlement with California Department of Toxic Substances Control Contains Important Lessons/Reminders for Product and Waste Shippers

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April 11, 2016

PHMSA Signals Intent to Adopt ICAO Ban on Bulk Shipments of Lithium-Ion Batteries as Cargo on Passenger Aircraft

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March 30, 2016

DOT Issues Final Rule Providing Only Very Limited Relief for Reverse Logistics of Retail Products

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February 26, 2016

ICAO Bans Bulk Shipments of Lithium Batteries as Cargo on Passenger Aircraft

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February 9, 2016

Understanding New Lithium Battery Transport Requirements & Emerging Developments as Safety Concerns Mount

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2016

Environment: United States

Environment & Climate Regulation

March 10, 2015

California Continues Hazardous Waste Enforcement Campaign Against Retailers With Two New Multi-Million Dollar Settlements

Beveridge & Diamond

2015

Environment: United States

Environment & Climate Regulation