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Hilary supports clients in the rapidly changing sustainability, renewable energy, and environmental justice landscapes.

Hilary's drive to positively impact the environment runs deep — while in high school, she took home 95-gallon trash bags filled with her peers' empty plastic bottles and cans for months until her school established its own recycling program. She approaches her legal career with the same dedication and proactive mentality, where she is passionate about helping clients effectively and efficiently comply with environmental law and regulations.

Hilary's robust regulatory practice includes helping clients address issues arising under the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and federal, state, and local laws related to the development, operation, and support of renewable energy projects, including solar, offshore wind, and alternative energy sources. She routinely advises renewable energy developer clients on permitting, transactional, and litigation challenges.

Hilary works on sustainability issues with the wastewater industry, working closely with companies on issues surrounding the beneficial reuse of biosolids.

Hilary also advises clients on how to integrate environmental justice considerations into every aspect of their operations as issues arise and on a more systemic basis. She serves as the Deputy of the Environmental Justice practice group, and regularly writes and presents on state and federal environmental justice issues

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis (B.A., *with Honors*, 2012)
 - Environmental Studies
- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Certificate in Environmental Law
 - Maryland Law Review, 2012-2015

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Honors & Awards

- "Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law (2021-2025)
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors Recognition (2021-2023)
- *Super Lawyers*, part of Thomson Reuters, Washington, DC, Rising Star (2024)

Languages

- French (high proficiency)