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

Hilary's robust regulatory practice also 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.

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

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"Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law (2021-2024)

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Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors Recognition (2021, 2022)

Languages

- French (high proficiency)

Publications

February 26, 2024

Groundtruth: Cumulative Impact Analysis - Massachusetts, EPA, and Beyond

Beveridge & Diamond

November 15, 2023

Groundtruth: Valuing Lived Experience and Fostering Meaningful Community Engagement

Summer 2023

Advancing Net-Zero Goals to Achieve Environmental Justice

ABA Natural Resources & Environment

August 3, 2023

White House Proposes to Again Overhaul NEPA Regulations

Beveridge & Diamond

June 22, 2023

BLM Proposes Rule to Further Promote Solar and Wind Development on Federal Lands

Beveridge & Diamond

June 12, 2023

Biden Administration Initiates Ocean Justice Strategy

Beveridge & Diamond

May 30, 2023

Debt Ceiling Showdown Yields Significant Permitting Reform Legislation

Beveridge & Diamond

May 18, 2023

Groundtruth: Cultural Burns as Tools for Wildfire Prevention and Indigenous Healing

April 21, 2023

New Biden Executive Order Continues to Advance Environmental Justice Agenda

Beveridge & Diamond

April 2023

Evolving State Approaches to Environmental Justice in Permitting

The Magazine for Environmental Managers

Updated on January 31, 2023

BOEM Proposes to Streamline Offshore Wind Projects

Beveridge & Diamond

January 18, 2023

Massachusetts Land Court Indicates That Consistency is Key in Applying Zoning Requirements to Solar Projects

Beveridge & Diamond

January 10, 2023

New York Enacts Environmental Justice Permitting Law

Beveridge & Diamond

January 9, 2023

MassDEP Releases Proposed Cumulative Impact Analysis Regulations for Air Permits

Beveridge & Diamond

August 3, 2022

Groundtruth: Implementing New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

July 20, 2022

Groundtruth: Environmental Justice in the International Arena

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

July 6, 2022

Massachusetts Court Strikes Down Restriction on Access to Solar Project

Beveridge & Diamond

June 17, 2022

Three Key Takeaways of New Jersey DEP's Proposed EJ Rules

Beveridge & Diamond

May 19, 2022

New York Defines "Disadvantaged Communities" for Use in Justice40 Predecessor Program

Beveridge & Diamond

May 19, 2022

EPA Is Using CERCLA Enforcement to Further Environmental Justice

Bloomberg Law

March 17, 2022

Groundtruth: EJ & ESG, Intersected

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

February 9, 2022

Groundtruth: Meet EJ Leader & Advocate, Ben Wilson

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

December 8, 2021

Groundtruth: Environmental Justice in 2022 - Perspectives From EPA

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

November 9, 2021

Pennsylvania Steps Up Its Environmental Justice Efforts

Beveridge & Diamond

October 26, 2021

EPA Releases for Public Comment an Ambitious and Cross-Agency Climate Change and Environmental Justice Plan

Beveridge & Diamond

October 13, 2021

Groundtruth: Operationalizing Environmental Justice

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

September 29, 2021

Groundtruth: All of Industry – Corporate Approaches to Advancing Environmental Justice

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

Updated August 18, 2021

Ten Environmental Topics to Watch in the New Infrastructure Bill

Beveridge & Diamond

July 30, 2021

Mapping the Movement: The Future of Identifying and Addressing Cumulative Impacts

The Environmental Law Reporter

July 16, 2021

Nuclear Energy And Environmental Justice In The Biden Era

Law360

July 6, 2021

Oregon Sees Washington's 2045 Target for Grid Decarbonization, Lowers by 5

Beveridge & Diamond

June 21, 2021

Groundtruth: State Stories – Passing Environmental Justice Legislation

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

May 18, 2021

South Coast AQMD Adopts Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, First Reporting Months Away

Beveridge & Diamond

May 12, 2021

EPA Emphasizes Environmental Justice in HFC Phasedown

Beveridge & Diamond

April 9, 2021

B&D Principal Julius Redd Kicks Off B&D and ELI Podcast Series on Environmental Justice

People Places Planet Podcast and The Environmental Law Podcast

December 4, 2020

A Biden-Harris Take on Environmental Justice: What to Expect

Beveridge & Diamond

October 30, 2020

The Evolving Landscape of Environmental Justice in 2020 and Beyond

Beveridge & Diamond

Updated September 23, 2020

New Jersey Governor Signs Landmark Environmental Justice Legislation Into Law

Beveridge & Diamond

Updated July 30, 2020

Massachusetts SMART Program Regulations: More Solar Capacity, Less Land Area

Beveridge & Diamond

May 11, 2020

Criminal Charges Against Hemp Business Prompt Lawsuit and National Confusion

National Industrial Hemp Council Blog

May 6, 2020

Virginia Clean Economy Act Requires Extensive New Clean Energy Measures

Beveridge & Diamond

November 8, 2019

USDA Interim Hemp Regulations Provide Welcome Guidance But Need Refinement

Beveridge & Diamond

October 29, 2019

USDA Issues Much-Needed Guidance to U.S. Hemp Industry via Interim Rule

Beveridge & Diamond

August 22, 2019

Maryland Establishes Task Force on Renewable Energy Development and Siting

Beveridge & Diamond

July 31, 2019

NC to Regulate the Decommissioning of Renewable Projects and Managing End-of-Life Equipment

Beveridge & Diamond

July 22, 2019

Maryland High Court Finds State Authority to Approve Renewable Energy Projects Preempts Local Zoning Authority

Beveridge & Diamond

July 11, 2019

Virginia Regulators Considering Amendments to Rules for 150 Megawatt Solar Projects

Beveridge & Diamond

March 26, 2019

Maryland Legislators Propose Raising State's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50%

Beveridge & Diamond

April 27, 2018

Fourth Circuit Holds Maryland Ban on Pharmaceutical "Price Gouging" Unconstitutionally Regulates Out-of-State Business Activity, Reinvigorating Extraterritoriality Doctrine of Dormant Commerce Clause

Beveridge & Diamond

February 2017

Toxic Tort and Product Liability Quarterly

Beveridge & Diamond

November 2016

Toxic Tort and Product Liability Quarterly

Beveridge & Diamond

November 2015

Toxic Tort and Product Liability Quarterly

Beveridge & Diamond

Environmental Justice in Maryland

University of Maryland Environmental Law Clinic