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### **Katy uses her passion for environmental law to produce solutions for clients' best interests.**

Katy's practice focuses on a diverse mix of environmental regulatory law and litigation. She helps clients address issues arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Air Act (CAA), and Clean Water Act (CWA). Katy also has experience navigating issues surrounding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), resource conservation, and aquaculture and fisheries. She also counsels clients through sensitive internal investigations and related government enforcement actions, diving into the facts to develop strong, technical, and cost-effective defenses.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Katy clerked at the Washington Court of Appeals: Division 1. Katy wrote prehearing memoranda and draft judicial opinions across a variety of legal topics. She also clerked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, and the U.S. Department of Justice – Environment and Natural Resource Division.

During law school, Katy was vice president of Lewis and Clark Law School's Environmental Law Caucus. She was also an Environmental Law Fellow, a recognition awarded to law students that demonstrate a strong capability for success in the environmental law program.

Outside of the office, Katy enjoys rock climbing, hiking, skiing, and spending time with her dog.

### **Education**

- Southern Illinois University Carbondale (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2017)
  - Geography and Environmental Resource – Sustainability Major
  - Environmental Studies; English Minors
- Lewis & Clark (J.D., *cum laude*, 2021)
  - Certificate in Environmental & Natural Resource Law
  - Environmental Law Review
  - Environmental Law Caucus, Vice President
  - Pro Bono Honors Award

## Bar Admissions

- Washington

## Professional Affiliations

- Young Lawyer Liaison, Environmental & Land Use Law Section, Washington State Bar Association

## Honors & Awards

- *Super Lawyers*, Washington Rising Star (2025)

## Publications

- Barbara M.R. Marvin, Katherine S. O'Keefe, "Environmental Liabilities," [\*The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual 2024\*](#) (Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics).
- Jeffrey B. Litwak and Katherine O'Keefe, "Intergovernmental Relations," in *Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice 2019* (Chicago, IL: American Bar Association, 2020)

## Publications

June 23, 2025

### **What the New Executive Order on "Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations" Means for Environmental Criminal Enforcement**

Beveridge & Diamond

June 18, 2025

### **Environmental Developments to Watch in Washington State - 2025 Mid-Year Update**

Beveridge & Diamond

April 28, 2025

### **Washington's Draft 2026 Construction Stormwater General Permit Out for Public Comment**

Beveridge & Diamond

January 30, 2025

### **B&D Lawyers Author Environmental Liabilities Chapter of *The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual***

*The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual*

January 2, 2025

**Washington Ecology Issues its New Industrial Stormwater General Permit, Effective January 1, 2025**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 30, 2024

**Ecology Proposes Significant—And Legally Vulnerable—Changes to Washington’s Industrial Stormwater General Permit**

Beveridge & Diamond

February 2024

**Barbara Marvin, Katy O’Keefe Author Environmental Liabilities Chapter of *The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual***

*The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual*

June 27, 2023

**U.S. Supreme Court Declines to Expand the Reserved Water Right**

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