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Leandra draws on her extensive experience in both the public and private sectors to craft persuasive legal arguments and fair resolutions, skillfully balancing the ongoing interplay between business and government interests.

Leandra is an accomplished environmental attorney with extensive experience in complex litigation, enforcement defense, and corporate investigations. She specializes in matters involving the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and Superfund litigation, providing strategic counsel to clients navigating complex environmental liabilities. Leandra is known for her meticulous legal analysis, creative problem-solving, and ability to translate complex regulatory requirements into practical business solutions.

With attention to detail and a discerning ability to analyze statutes and regulatory frameworks, Leandra advises clients facing federal and state enforcement actions, including those brought by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). She has effectively represented clients in CERCLA, mass toxic torts, and commercial litigation matters. She has also co-led internal investigations into potential environmental violations, corporate misconduct, and compliance failures.

Prior to entering private practice, Leandra served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas, where she gained substantial trial and appellate experience. She has first-chaired dozens of bench trials in Texas county and district courts and successfully briefed and won two cases before the First and Fourteenth Texas Court of Appeals, respectively. Leandra's time as a state attorney gives her invaluable insight into government enforcement strategies, litigation tactics, and regulatory priorities, allowing her to effectively advocate for clients facing state investigations and enforcement actions. Beyond her enforcement defense work, Leandra has a growing sub-specialty in contract drafting, leveraging her deep understanding of environmental regulations to structure agreements that mitigate liability and ensure compliance.

Additionally, Leandra is committed to pro bono advocacy and is passionate about using her legal skills to serve vulnerable communities. Recently, she was part of a team that secured asylum for an immigration client facing persecution, a victory that reinforced her dedication to justice beyond environmental law. Leandra frequently writes and speaks on emerging environmental enforcement trends and best practices for corporate compliance.

Education

- George Washington University (B.A., 2012)
 - Concentration in Business Economics and Public Policy
- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2016)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Legal Intern, Texas Advocacy Project, 2014

Honors & Awards

- "Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Litigation (2025)

Publications

November 14, 2024

Carbon Markets Roundup

Beveridge & Diamond