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Mary focuses her practice on a mix of product regulation, international law, and environmental litigation.

She advises clients on sustainability; circular economy; extended producer responsibility; international environment, health, and safety; sustainable procurement; and plastics issues. In particular, she counsels clients on developments related to multilateral agreements, such as the UN Global Plastics Treaty currently under negotiation.

Mary also has experience with issues arising under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Clean Air Act, as well as toxic tort litigation, environmental contractual indemnification, and site remediation.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Mary served as a Law Clerk with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Environment & National Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section, and at the Environmental Law Institute and the Conservation Litigation Project.

During law school, Mary co-authored a chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Erika Techera et al. eds., 2d ed. 2021).

Education

- Rhodes College (B.S., *cum laude*, 2017)
 - Biology and Anthropology/Sociology
 - Business Minor
- George Washington University (J.D., *with High Honors*, 2021)
 - Order of the Coif
 - *The George Washington Law Review*, Notes Editor, Spring 2020-2021
 - Concentration: Environmental Law

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court – Western District of Tennessee

Professional Affiliations

- Vice-Chair for the 2021 Edition of *The Year in Review 2020*, ABA SEER International Environmental and Resources Law Committee
- Environmental Law Institute Emerging Leaders Initiative

Community Involvement

Executive Board Member, Taraloka Foundation, 2015-Present

Publications

July 18, 2024

Minnesota Becomes Fifth State to Enact EPR Law for Packaging and Paper; First to Enact EPR Law for Boat Wrap

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March 21, 2024

Countries to Resume Negotiations on Global Plastics Pollution Treaty: Outlook for INC-4

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May 2, 2023

Washington State Battery EPR Bill Poised to Become Law

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November 16, 2022

Methane Emissions in the Spotlight at COP27

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September 8, 2022

Charging Ahead: California to Require All New Cars Sold to Be Zero Emissions in 2035

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Updated August 16, 2022

Inflation Reduction Act Signed Into Law, Committing \$370 Billion to Action on Climate and Energy

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November 5, 2021

President Biden Announces New Methane Emissions Reduction Strategy

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October 26, 2021

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

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