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### **Pam offers clients experience and judgment from decades of environmental counseling and litigation.**

Pam's in-depth experience spans water, waste, environmental remediation, litigation, permitting, and transactional support. She helps clients anticipate environmental challenges, mitigate risk, and resolve complex issues. Pam co-leads B&D's firm-wide Environmental Practice Group.

### **Water and Waste - Regulatory and Litigation**

Pam's work in this area encompasses permitting, compliance, enforcement, and litigation. In the water arena, her experience also includes water quality standards issues and TMDLs, stormwater management, and 401 water quality certifications. In the waste arena, she assists clients with construing hazardous waste regulations and evaluating solid waste requirements, including coal combustion residual regulation.

### **Contaminated Properties - Regulatory, Litigation, Transactions**

Pam helps clients tackle novel and multifaceted contaminated property issues—including lawsuits, complex negotiations, and intertwined water, waste, air, or technical remediation questions—and guide strategic planning. Pam has represented clients with hazardous substance and petroleum remediation issues arising under state law, CERCLA, RCRA, and FUSRAP. She also assists clients with the overlay of bankruptcy and environmental liabilities. Her CERCLA experience includes all stages of investigations, feasibility studies, design, implementation, and dispute resolution. The success of remediation projects can hinge on strong collaboration and communication with client's in-house legal and technical leadership, outside consultants and experts, and regulators, and Pam excels at successfully developing and implementing an integrated strategy.

Pam also assists real estate buyers and sellers to prepare for transactions, conduct environmental due diligence, negotiate environmental liability contractual provisions, and identify and implement brownfields risk management strategies. She advises on when and how to pursue state voluntary cleanup programs.

### **Representative Clients**

Pam's clients have included businesses in the chemical, energy, manufacturing, retail, and land development sectors, as well as governmental entities, individuals, and non-profit organizations.

Before joining B&D, Pam served as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General representing the Maryland Department of the Environment.

## **Education**

- University of Michigan (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1982)
  - Political Science
- University of Pennsylvania (J.D., 1985)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

## **Clerkships**

- The Honorable Joseph H. Young, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court - Maryland

## **Honors & Awards**

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, a Best Lawyers® publication, Environmental "Lawyer of the Year" in Maryland (2022)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law (2019-2025)
- *The Legal 500*, recognition in Environmental Regulatory Law (2019, 2021, 2022)
- International Law Office, recognition for excellent service
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2021)

## **Community Involvement**

Pam's community involvement has included service on several non-profit boards through the years. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Conservancy. Former positions include Chair of the Maryland State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Council, President of the Women's Law Center of Maryland, and an officer of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Pam also helped to establish the Thurgood Marshall Clerkship Program at the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, an internship program committed to attract diverse students with a devotion to public service.