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Rachel helps clients resolve complex matters involving contaminated sites, land use, and water rights.

Rachel's practice focuses on contaminated site remediation under CERCLA and state laws, as well as water rights disputes and federal land use issues. Rachel helps clients steer complex and long-running cases to a successful resolution. She also enjoys helping clients navigate challenging regulatory environments.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Rachel served as a Trial Attorney for U.S. Department of Justice's Natural Resources Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division. While at DOJ, Rachel handled a diverse docket of natural resource matters involving water rights, energy development, mining, commercial fishing, and recreational activities. In addition to her natural resources-based work, Rachel also litigated title to submerged lands, management of Indian tribes' assets, and takings suits. Rachel began her Department of Justice Career through the Attorney General's Honor Program and earned outstanding performance awards in 2014 and 2016.

Rachel attended the Georgetown University Law Center, where she organized the Georgetown International Environmental Law Review symposium on climate change adaptation and served as President of the Environmental Law Society.

Prior to joining law school, Rachel conducted economic analyses for an energy efficiency consulting firm.

Rachel is an active member of the Environmental and Land Use Law sections of both the Washington State and King County Bar Associations.

Education

- Arizona State University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005)
 - Political Science and Economics
- Georgetown University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010)

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Claims

Representative Matters

Prior results do not guarantee future outcomes.

Rachel's experience includes:

- Assisting the client in preparing defenses to contribution, cost recovery, and natural resource damages at a large Superfund site.
- Litigating contribution claims under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act.
- Negotiating with a regulatory agency to take action to protect a groundwater aquifer.
- Successfully defending Navy training flights from an injunction motion.
- Representing the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the long-running water adjudication of the Yakima basin.

Publications

May 13, 2019

Water From a Glacier Reaches the Ocean Eventually: Final Decree Issued in the Yakima Water Adjudication after 42 Years

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March 6, 2019

A Trickle of Movement on New Storage for the Yakima Basin

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March 1, 2019

Mechanical Thinning: Don't Try This at Home!

NW Lawyer

October 23, 2018

Litigation Turns Up the Heat on Agencies to Protect Salmon in the Pacific Northwest

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September 20, 2018

Ninth Circuit Creates New Challenge for Divisibility in Complex CERCLA Sites

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March 26, 2018

State of Washington Adopts Statewide Drug Take-Back Legislation

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