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Rachel's practice focuses on contaminated site remediation and water rights disputes.

She helps clients steer complex and long-running cases to a successful resolution. She advocates for clients in CERCLA and MTCA contaminated site allocations, including one of the largest CERCLA allocations in the country. Rachel brings her considerable litigation experience to bear in developing strong positions for clients both in the courtroom and in settlement negotiations. She also counsels municipal water districts and individual water users on water rights disputes and acquisitions in Washington State.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Rachel served as a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Natural Resources Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division. While at DOJ, she handled a diverse docket of natural resource matters, including representing the Bureau of Reclamation in the *Acquavella* water adjudication.

Rachel is an active member of the Environmental and Land Use Law sections of 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 Federal Claims

Honors & Awards

- "Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law (2024)

Representative Matters

Rachel's experience includes:

- Assisting a client in preparing defenses to contribution, cost recovery, and natural resource damages claims 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.
- Identifying properties with available water rights and negotiating the division of water rights upon purchase.
- Obtaining a favorable settlement in takings claim brought in the Court of Federal Claims.