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Sarah uses her knowledge of environmental law and the physical sciences to help clients solve complex problems in a conservation-minded manner.

Raised on her family's third-generation Brown Swiss dairy farm in southern Wisconsin, Sarah observed her parents' practice of conservation agriculture. She learned firsthand how to sustainably grow and harvest crops to protect soil and water resources while supporting her family and community. Sarah integrated her farming background into her career, where she is passionate about helping clients comply with environmental law and regulations.

Sarah maintains a robust regulatory practice, and helps corporate clients navigate enforcement actions brought under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). She guides clients through TSCA import and export requirements and is well versed in the "new" TSCA, as revised by the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act. Sarah also helps clients comply with federal and state environmental, health, and safety (EHS) protocols, including regulatory compliance, auditing, and due diligence. She has assisted pesticide clients to obtain favorable settlements for data compensation disputes under FIFRA arbitration regulations.

Sarah served two years as a member of the Department of Justice-appointed Independent Corporate Compliance monitorship overseeing Volkswagen's compliance with civil and criminal settlements resolving the \$33 billion Dieseltgate emissions cheating scandal. She assists with the development and implementation of environmental compliance programs and is familiar with international guidelines and policies used to develop strong systems for corporate sustainability, including providing advice and guidance to effectively adapt EMS at manufacturing sites across the globe.

Sarah co-authored the Air Quality chapter in the *Environmental Law and Regulation in New York* treatise. After studying Chinese and working in China, she also co-authored the first Chinese-English dictionary of environmental legal terms.

Sarah has a dedicated pro bono service. She has successfully fought for clemency for incarcerated people of color. Her clients were convicted of low-level drug offenses but sentenced to grossly disproportionate prison terms. She also helps victims of domestic violence in New York City through divorce proceedings.

Before joining Beveridge & Diamond, Sarah clerked for the Hon. Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, and served as a judicial extern for Judge Laura Taylor Swain in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (S.D.N.Y.). She interned in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, S.D.N.Y., where she assisted with settlements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). She also interned in the King's County District Attorney's Office and served as an environmental policy adviser and legal extern in the United Nations General Assembly, Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts & Nevis to the United Nations. She was a research assistant at the Pace University Center for Environmental Legal Studies and acquisitions editor for *Pace Environmental Law Review*.

At Yale University, Sarah wrote her master's project on international legal frameworks for recovering electronic waste and also conducted field research on the impact of a proposed biofuels production plant in south Hawaii Island.

Prior to law school, Sarah participated in the first federally funded research expedition dedicated solely to examining the accumulation of plastic debris in the North Atlantic Ocean. Before that, she worked as a research associate for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C., and as a market researcher for the United States Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service in Shanghai, China.

Education

- Carleton College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007)
 - Political Science
 - Minor in Chinese
 - Certificate of Advanced Study in Mandarin Chinese
- Yale University (M.E.M., 2014)
- Pace University (J.D., *cum laude*, 2014)
 - Certificate in Environmental Law
 - Certificate in International Law

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- Connecticut

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee Member

Honors & Awards

- *Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, New York Rising Star (2017-2019)*

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese (conversational)
- German (conversational)