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Sarah resolves high-stakes disputes and counsels clients on strategic compliance issues.

She has experience representing a wide variety of clients in environmental proceedings in federal courts, state courts, arbitration panels, and administrative bodies. She responds to changing circumstances with a can-do attitude and excels at managing complex projects. In addition to her litigation practice, Sarah counsels clients on a broad variety of compliance issues.

A career highlight of Sarah's is spending two years in an in-house placement managing litigation and compliance for one of Beveridge & Diamond's clients. In this role, Sarah has managed outside counsel teams on a variety of cases, including commercial disputes, personal injury, environmental, and tax disputes. Sarah also manages risk by evaluating and, where possible, resolving potential disputes before litigation. Through this experience, Sarah has gained an understanding of how to best serve clients by tailoring representation to a client's objectives.

Prior to joining B&D, Sarah worked at the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at the Environmental Enforcement Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Education

- University of Colorado - Boulder (B.A., 2000)
 - English Literature
- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2005)
 - Maryland Law Review, 2003-2005
 - Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest winner
 - Maryland Environmental Law Society

Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

- Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Maryland State Bar Association, Environmental & Energy Law Section, Chair (2016-present), Section Council (2012-present), Member (2006-present)
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Member (2007-present)
- American Bar Association; Section of Environment, Energy, & Resources; In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair (2018-2019); In-House Counsel Committee Newsletter Chair (2015-2016); Membership Chair (2014-2015); Committee Member (2013-present)
- National Association of Women Lawyers, Litigation Affinity Group, Co-Chair (2014-2016)

Representative Matters

Prior results do not guarantee future outcomes.

Recent examples of Sarah's litigation experience include:

- Defending a client that was sued by a citizen group alleging groundwater contamination in which the case was dismissed entirely following arguments on summary judgment that the plaintiff's claim was an anticipatory claim not supported by law.
- Successfully representing a client going through the bankruptcy process that was sued for trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination emanating from a site they formerly owned, one of the dozens of former owners and never produced or handled TCE at the site, in which the claim was dismissed.
- Representing a coke plant in a lawsuit alleging Clean Air Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act violations and state common law tort claims and defending an administrative action challenging the plant permit.
- Defending a major metropolitan water reclamation district in a government enforcement action resulting in the entry of a Clean Water Act consent decree over the objections of environmental groups.
- Obtaining defense victories for an energy company at both trial and appellate levels in a case alleging state common law tort claims relating to sub-surface migration of contaminants through groundwater.