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PRACTICE AREAS

Energy
Power Sales
Property Development
Permitting and Environmental Review
Waste Cleanup
Climate Change
Water Quality

EDUCATION

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law
B.A., Northeastern University

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Washington

HONORS AND AWARDS

Rising Star in Super Lawyers and Washington Law & Politics magazine, 2017; 2018
Top Women Attorneys in Washington, Washington Law & Politics magazine, 2017

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Virginia Uranium v. Warren: The Intersection Between the Federal Atomic Energy Act and States' Modern-Day Environmental Regulations," Marten Law Newsletter (forthcoming February 2019)

Molly focuses her practice primarily on environmental, real estate, energyland use law. Molly works with clients to conduct environmental due diligence, obtain regulatory closure for contaminated sites, bring business operations into environmental regulatory compliance, and sell or purchase contaminated properties. Molly also advises clients on permitting requirements and assists in the negotiation process to resolve the above referenced issued.

Molly's environmental experience includes matters involving the Model Toxics Control Act , Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act , Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Clean Water Act , Growth Management Act , National Environmental Policy Act , Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Columbia River Treaty. Having also previously served as a judicial law clerk for four judges at the trial court level, she has touched on nearly every type of legal issue that makes its way through the state superior court system.

Before attending law school, Molly worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 1's Office of the Regional Administrator in Boston, Massachusetts. During law school, Molly interned for the House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change and for State Senator Katherine Clark at the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, The Honorable Federal Magistrate Robert B. Collings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Stoel Rives LLP, The Center for Environmental Law and Policy, and the Office of General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. After completing law school, Molly served as a judicial law clerk to The Honorable Judge Jay B. Roof, Jeanette Dalton, Sally F. Olsen and Jennifer Forbes at Kitsap County Superior Court.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Assisted investor in permitting due diligence to evaluate risk associated with investing in methanol refinery on Columbia River.

Advised fuel distributor client on regulatory compliance issues surrounding the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures implementing regulations under the Clean Water Act and assisted in negotiating a consent decree and penalty payment on behalf of client with the U.S. EPA to resolve violations of those regulations.

On behalf of multiple land owners and business owners, successfully structured real estate sales and leases of contaminated properties to mitigate the risks associated with the contamination, and advised prospective buyers and lenders relating to the risks associated with purchasing of, or lending on, contaminated properties for the development of projects.

On behalf of a subsidiary to a publicly traded utility company, assisted in the remedial investigation, evaluation for potential cost recovery actions, and insurance defense for a multi-million dollar legacy manufactured gas plant site subject to an agreed order on consent overseen by the U.S. EPA.

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator, Northwest Environmental and Business Council's Energy Workshop, "Powering Our Future: Insight into the Growth of Renewables" – Panel: Changing the Energy Landscape: How Renewables and Storage are Taking Over the Grid (June 7, 2018)

Emcee, King County Bar Association's Environmental and Land Use Section's Half Day CLE, "Cleaning Up Water, Air and Dirt: Litigation and Policy Updates" (June 8, 2017)