DOWNEYBRAND



Jaycee L. Dean Associate

621 Capitol Mall | 18th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 916.520.5428 | Direct jdean@downeybrand.com

Practice Areas

Endangered Species | Environmental Enforcement Defense | Environmental Remediation & Due Diligence | Environmental/Toxics Litigation | Water Quality Law

Jaycee Dean is a passionate advocate for her clients, utilizing a tenacious and detail-oriented approach to address complex environmental issues.

While attending McGeorge School of Law, Jaycee interned at a prominent Sacramento lobbying firm where she learned the creative skills needed for client advocacy that carry over into the multi-faceted problem-solving world of regulatory compliance and environmental litigation. Additionally, her legal concentration in capital lawyering at McGeorge has helped build a strong foundation in understanding and navigating the administrative arena of statutes and regulations. Jaycee is also an inductee in the Order of the Barristers, an honors society recognizing exceptional skill in oral advocacy and brief writing for law students across the nation.

Jaycee's current practice encompasses a myriad of federal and state natural resources issues including the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, water quality, and environmental defense.

Professional & Community Service

- California Construction and Industrial Materials Association
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento
- · Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section
- California Lawyers Association, Environmental Law Section
- California Indian Law Association, Member
- National Native American Bar Association, Member
- McGeorge School of Law, Moot Court Honors Board, 2021

DOWNEY BRAND

Education

- J.D., Certificate in Capital Lawyering, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, with great distinction, 2021
- B.A., Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2016

Honors & Rankings

- Dean's Honor List, 2018-2021
- Anthony M. Kennedy Constitutional Law Scholarship Recipient
- · Witkin Award in Constitutional Law
- Order of the Barristers

Publications

- 'Waters of the United States' Redefined EPA and the Corps Issue Conforming WOTUS Rule in Wake of the Sackett Decision Narrowing the 'Reach' of the Clean Water Act, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 4, Number 1, October 2023
- SCOTUS Limits WOTUS: Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands Under the Clean Water Act Must be Relatively Permanent, Standing, or Continuously Flowing Bodies of Water, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 3, Number 9, June 2023
- EPA Proposes First-Ever Enforceable Nationwide Primary Drinking Water Standards for PFAS, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 3, Number 8, May 2023
- D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals Upholds Power Plant Emissions Limitations and Defers to EPA's Scientific and Technical Expertise, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 3, Number 7, April 2023
- Biden Administration Finalizes Part 1 of New 'Waters of the United States' Rule, California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 32, Number 5, February 2023
- District Court Dismisses Third Party Suit Finding Standing Allegations Inadequate in Climate Adaption Case, California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 32, Number 2, November 2022
- Biden Administration's EPA Restores California's Ability to Set More Stringent Auto Pollution Tailpipe Rules, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 2, Number 8, May 2022
- U.S. Supreme Court Grants Certiorari in Sackett, Paving the Way to a Definitive Test for Determining Wetland Waters of the United States Under the Clean Water Act, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 32, Number 6, March 2022
- District Court Vacates Trump ERA Clean Water ACT 401 Water Quality Certification Rule Remands to EPA for Further Proceedings, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 32, Number 3, December 2021

DOWNEYBRAND

 EPA Proposes Methane Emission Regulations for Oil and Gas Operators, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 2, Number 3, December 2021

Legal Alerts

- USEPA Requires Monitoring and Treatment to Limit and Reduce PFAS in Drinking Water, April 10, 2024
- USEPA's New Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Rule Becomes Effective November 27, 2023, November 6, 2023
- OEHHA Releases Second Public Review Draft of Public Health Goals for PFOA and PFOS in Drinking Water, July 21, 2023
- Sackett v. EPA: U.S. Supreme Court Redefines Waters of the United States, Eliminating Federal Jurisdiction Over Certain Wetlands and Other Waters, May 26, 2023
- U.S. Senate Passes Joint Resolution of Disapproval to Overturn Biden Administration "Waters of the U.S." Rule in Bipartisan Effort, March 30, 2023
- Fighting Forever Chemicals: USEPA Proposes the First Enforceable Nationwide Primary Drinking Water Standards for PFAS, March 21, 2023
- Biden Administration Finalizes Waters of the United States Rule in Latest Move Involving Ongoing Water Quality Saga, January 5, 2023
- State Water Board Adopts New Sanitary Sewer Systems Waste Discharge Requirements, December 9, 2022
- Can PFAS Chemicals in Tenths or Even Hundredths Parts Per Trillion Present a Health Risk?, June 29, 2022
- U.S. Department of Justice Announces New Office of Environmental Justice and Return of Supplemental Environmental Projects, May 15, 2022
- California Steps Up Its Investigations and Permitting of PFAS, April 18, 2022

Blogs

 The End of an Era: U.S. Supreme Court Eliminates Significant Nexus Test in Favor of Relatively Permanent Waters, Ruling in Favor of the Sacketts and States' Rights by Restricting Jurisdictional Waters of the United States, May 30, 2023