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Practice Areas

Environmental Enforcement Defense | Environmental Remediation & Due Diligence | Environmental/Toxics Litigation | Proposition 65 | Water Quality Law

Lauren Murvihill leverages her analytical skillset and specialized knowledge of the environmental regulatory landscape to navigate complex environmental issues for her clients.

Lauren empowers her clients with the advocacy they need to confidently steer through the ever-evolving **environmental regulatory landscape** in California. She routinely works with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and their state statutory counterparts to obtain desirable outcomes for her clients. She also defends clients in **enforcement and due diligence matters** before state and federal enforcement agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the California Air Resources Board.

Before attending law school, Lauren interned for the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Sierra Club, which gives her a unique perspective on environmental regulatory and compliance issues and understanding of different stakeholders and key players. An effective oral advocate, Lauren brings refined legal research and writing skills to the table while advocating for her clients in a thoughtful and compelling manner. These experiences and skills enable Lauren to assist in a variety of far-reaching issues, including environmental enforcement defense, remediation, and toxic tort litigation.

Experience

- Pre-trial litigation experience, including discovery and pre-trial motion practice.
- Counseling clients regarding the applicability of various environmental laws.
- Assisting in representing municipal entities with writ challenges of NPDES permit provisions.
- Counseling clients through environmental compliance audits and investigations.
- Assisting clients in identifying and engaging in proper hazardous waste management and disposal procedures.

- Assisting clients in working with various responsible parties in agency-ordered cleanup and remediation efforts.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section
- California Lawyers Association, Environmental Law Section
- American Bar Association, Environment, Energy, and Resources Section
- Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento
- Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- *Environs Environmental Law and Policy Journal*, Editor-in-Chief, 2020-2021

Education

- J.D., University of California at Davis School of Law, 2022
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, Linguistics and Political Science, University of California at Davis, 2019

Honors & Rankings

- Witkin Award in Torts
- Moot Court Outstanding Oral Advocate, 2020-2021
- NAPABA Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition, National Finalist, 2020
- Neumiller Moot Court Competition, Finalist, 2021

Publications

- *Tenth Circuit Reverses \$500,000 Clean Water Act Penalty After Incomplete Application of Maui Factors by the District Court*, Environmental, Energy, & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 4, Number 5, February 2024
- *EPA Proposes New Rules for Greenhouse Gases for New Source Performance Standards from Fossil Fuel-fired Electric Generating Units*, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 3, Number 10, July 2023
- *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Aligns Aircraft Engine Emissions Standards With United Nations and Considers Increasing Stringency in the Future*, Environmental, Energy & Climate Change Law and Regulation Reporter, Volume 3, Number 4, January 2023

- *San Francisco Challenges Conditions Imposed by State Water Resources Control Board on the City's Water Quality Certification Issued for Projects on the Tuolumne River*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 31, Number 10, July 2021

Legal Alerts

- *EPA Adds Extensive New Amendments to its Risk Management Program in Final Rule*, March 22, 2024
- *Supreme Court Denies Review of California Appeals Court Ruling that State Water Board's Duty to Prevent Waste and Unreasonable Use of Water is "Highly Discretionary"*, August 28, 2023
- *California Appeals Court Rules that State Water Board's Duty to Prevent Waste and Unreasonable Use of Water is "Highly Discretionary"*, February 28, 2023
- *Board of Environmental Safety: California's New Hazardous Waste Permit Review Authority is Ramping Up*, November 8, 2022
- *CalOES Proposes Rules to Clarify California Release Reporting Requirements*, June 24, 2021

Blogs

- *California Appeals Court Rules that State Water Board's Duty to Prevent Waste and Unreasonable Use of Water is "Highly Discretionary"*, March 3, 2023
- *Will California SB 315 Improve Revocable Transfer on Death Deeds?*, July 20, 2021