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Christina Bonanni focuses her practice in matters involving the environment, energy, renewable and natural resources law. She regularly advises clients on state and federal energy and environment regulations and compliance under the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), National Forest Management Act (NFMA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), Clean Air Act (CAA), and the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

Ms. Bonanni supports clients seeking to develop renewable energy projects in all aspects of environmental and permitting due diligence in connection with the purchase, sale, and financing of such renewable energy projects. As part of this work, Ms. Bonanni focuses on the risks and liabilities associated with project development and provides guidance in acquiring environmental insurance. This process includes a risk evaluation, where Ms. Bonanni discusses the client's acceptable level of risk and advises on levels of insurance coverage, as well as counsel on ways to mitigate and minimize risks in developing a project.

Christina assists clients in environmental emergencies, wherein accidents occur that require immediate cleanup and remediation support, regulatory reporting, and coordination among various agencies to minimize or mitigate any environmental harm. As part of this work, Ms. Bonanni assists clients with each step of the cleanup and remediation process to ensure the event is handled in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Ms. Bonanni's experience includes providing regulatory and litigation counsel on a major interstate natural gas pipeline project, which required approvals from various federal agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Bonanni provided litigation support on this project at the federal appellate level and the Supreme Court regarding challenges to federal approvals under

CAPABILITIES

Environment & Energy

- Brownfield & Superfund Cleanup and Redevelopment
- Environmental Aspects of Corporate and Real Estate Transactions
- Environmental Litigation
- Environmental Policy and Advocacy
- Project Development, Permitting and Environmental Reviews
- Risk Assessment and Environmental Insurance
- Tribal Environmental Matters

Litigation

Real Estate

Renewable Energy

the Natural Gas Act, Mineral Leasing Act, and National Forest Management Act.

Ms. Bonanni graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. She served as an Articles Editor for the *Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law*. She participated in the National Environmental Law Moot Court competition at the Pace University School of Law.

Prior to law school, Ms. Bonanni worked at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an Environmental Health Scientist after graduating from American University with a Master's Degree in Environmental Science. While at the EPA, she worked within the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program, conducting risk assessments and analyzing key chemicals and their impacts on human health and the environment.

EDUCATION

- The University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2015
- American University, M.S., Environmental Science, 2011
- American University, B.A., Environmental Studies, Global Environmental Policy, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Women's Bar Association, Co-Chair of Energy, Environmental, and Science Law Forum
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Co-Chair of Environmental Remediation and Liability Forum
- Energy Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Energy & Environmental Law Forum Panel, Moderator, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, April 23, 2024
- Environment and Science Law Forum, Co-host, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia Energy, June 27, 2023
- [Real Estate and Environmental Considerations in Energy Production](#), Presenter, HalfMoon Education, Inc. Webinar, April 21, 2021
- 2019/2020 Forest Resources Year in Review and Midyear Update, Presenter, American Bar Association, Webinar, September 17, 2020

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit