

Michelle M. Skjoldal

MEMBER

Michelle Skjoldal represents a variety of clients facing environmental and energy related enforcement, compliance, and litigation matters, and delivers valuable client counseling on regulatory issues and due diligence in transactions. She has extensive experience negotiating permit conditions, advising clients on managing compliance risks, and negotiating with local, state, and federal agencies in enforcement matters. Michelle has represented developers and municipalities in litigation involving water permits and sewage facility planning; counseled corporations in environmental due diligence matters in real estate and corporate transactions involving multiple sites; and represented clients in self-implementing cleanups. Michelle has handled matters across all environmental programs, including water, waste, air and land. At the state level, Michelle often represents clients in matters before the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), and other state agencies. At the federal level, she has represented clients in matters before the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other regulatory agencies.

Previously, Michelle was an environmental attorney at the Harrisburg office of a large Philadelphia-based law firm. Prior to that, Michelle served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Environmental Unit of the Delaware Department of Justice, representing DNREC in a variety of matters.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counseled international and national corporate clients in air, water, and waste permitting and compliance matters;
- Advised corporations in environmental due diligence matters in complex real estate and corporate transactions;
- Represented clients in self-implementing cleanups;
- Advised municipalities and developers in litigation involving water permits and sewage facility planning;
- Counseled corporate clients in hazardous, industrial, and municipal waste compliance and enforcement matters;
- Represented corporate and municipal clients in US Environmental Protection Agency and state enforcement actions;

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PRACTICE AREAS:

Environmental

Litigation

Energy

PFAS Chemicals

Alternative Energy, Renewables, and Clean Technology

Infrastructure and Transportation

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

Delaware

New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law, 2005; member, Appellate Moot Court Board, Trial Moot Court Board

B.A. with honors, University of Delaware, cum laude, 2002

- Represented specialty chemicals manufacturer in Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control enforcement matters;
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- Represented clients in Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board litigation;
- Represented clients in contested Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission proceedings;
- Advised clients on public utility regulation and policies adopted by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;
- Counseled clients on solar project development and alternative energy credits;
- Counseled clients in matters involving the U.S. Department of Transportation and its sub-agencies, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Surface Transportation Board, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Dauphin County Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Homeless Outreach Project – Former Volunteer Attorney
- Junior League of Harrisburg – Sustaining Member
- National MS Society – Central Pennsylvania Leadership Program

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2027 as "Lawyer of the Year" for Environmental Law
- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2025 & 2026 for Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental
- Selected for inclusion as a Pennsylvania Rising Star, 2012-2019

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "EPA Accepting Comments on Proposed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Rule Concerning 1- bromopropane (1–BP)," Eckert Seamans' Environmental Update, September 2024.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- "Eckert Seamans Grows Harrisburg Environmental Group," Law360, April 27, 2021.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Environmental Hot Topics: PFAS and the Demise of *Chevron*," co-presented at Eckert Seamans' 2024 Joel Lennen Legal Primer, August 7, 2024.
- "The Inspector is Not Your Friend; What to Expect When the Inspector Calls," co-presented for the PA Chamber of Business and Industry's 2021 Annual Environmental Conference. October 2021.