



Jessica Ann Bernardini

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“I provide a holistic approach to problem-solving by leveraging my technical background. I listen closely to clients to offer thoughtful and practical legal advocacy.”

Jessica Bernardini is a member of the firm’s environmental team. Her practice focuses on providing clients with regulatory advice and representation in energy and environmental law matters.

Jessica works on complex, multi-party, federal and state Superfund sites involving claims under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and its state law equivalents; assists clients with environmental permitting and compliance issues; and handles settlement negotiation or appeals of environmental penalties.

Jessica’s environmental law expertise is bolstered by her more than 10 years of experience as a consulting engineer to private and public entities. In this capacity, she concentrated on environmental permitting and compliance and the design of waste management and renewable energy development projects.

Her experience also includes engineering and legal work related to landfills, composting facilities, and anaerobic digesters. Jessica has designed and permitted new landfill cells, landfill closures, and ancillary systems, including leachate and landfill gas collection, and stormwater management systems. She has also drafted and reviewed permits for landfill siting and operation. Jessica gained this experience in California, Oregon, and Washington, providing these services to major private waste management companies.

Before joining Miller Nash, Jessica practiced at law firms in Oregon where she focused on energy and environmental matters. In this role, she handled contested cases before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon and the Energy Facility Siting Council. She also completed a secondment at Avangrid Renewables, LLC.

Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, *cum laude*, 2021

- Certificates in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law
- Submissions Editor, *Environmental Law*
- Environmental Law Fellow
- Dean’s Scholarship for Excellence
- Dean’s Scholar List
- Moot Court

M.S., University of California, Berkeley, 2007

B.S.C.E., Rutgers University, Honors, 2006

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2021
Washington, 2023
Colorado (inactive), 2022

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Professional Activities

- Northwest Environmental Business Council, Member, 2024-present
- Oregon Women Lawyers, Member
- Oregon State Bar
 - Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Executive Committee Member, 2023-present

Civic Activities

- Victim Rights Law Center, Pro Bono Attorney, 2021-present
- Lewis & Clark Law School, Small Business Legal Clinic, Pro Bono Attorney, 2021-2023

Publications

- “The Latest on California’s PFAS Laws Regulating Textile Articles and How to Prepare for Upcoming Deadlines,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Oct. 2024)
- “Leveraging Mandatory Licensing Under the Clean Air Act—a Novel Framework to Domestic Reduction of Greenhouse Gases,” *Environmental Law* (Apr. 2021)

Personal Activities

Outside of work, Jessica loves spending time outdoors—mountain biking, snowboarding, or exploring the Pacific Northwest on her motorcycle.