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Emma is an associate in the Seattle office. She has experience with a variety of issues arising under federal law, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). She also has experience in the regulatory area of emerging contaminants, such as PFAS, and administrative issues involving permitting and compliance.

Emma graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where she served as an editor for the school's environmental law journal, Ecology Law Quarterly, and participated in the Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. During law school, Emma worked as a legal intern for the Environment Section of the California Department of Justice in Los Angeles and was a summer associate at Marten Law. In both positions, she assisted with cases focused on both federal and state law, helping to draft a wide array of public comments and litigation material.

Prior to law school, Emma worked as a legal assistant at Aqua Terra Aeris, an environmental law firm in Oakland, California, and a policy intern at San Francisco Baykeeper, gaining experience with a host of environmental issues and legal responses. Emma completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she majored in Political Science.

SERVICES & INDUSTRIES

[Clean Water & Water Quality](#)

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EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (2023)
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley (2019)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington State Bar

Publications and Presentations

- Author, "The Hodge approach is the best solution to California's water disputes", *California Constitution Center* (March 10, 2023)