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Emma is an associate in the Seattle office. Her practice focuses on advising businesses and local governments on water quality, chemical contamination, and regulatory compliance. Emma works to help clients navigate the complex field of state and federal regulations pertaining to water quality permitting, emerging contaminants, and site remediation. She also has experience representing clients in litigation on the same topics. Emma has familiarity with a variety of environmental issues arising under state and federal law, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

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 environmental issues and legal responses. Emma completed her undergraduate studies in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

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, "[Wastewater, Biosolids Come Under PFAS Regulation](#)" (September 10, 2024)
- Author, "[POTWs Required to Test for PFAS](#)" (May 20, 2024)
- Author, "[California Adopts Sweeping Climate Disclosure Laws](#)" (January 8, 2024)
- Author, "[New EPA Reporting Rule Covers Thousands of Products](#)" (October 30, 2023)
- Author, "The Hodge approach is the best solution to California's water disputes", *California Constitution Center* (March 10, 2023)