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Shannon’s practice is focused on the intersection of public health and environmental law. She counsels clients on a range of issues, including environmental review, brownfield redevelopment, emerging contaminants, and renewables. She has worked on cases arising under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and state analogs.

Shannon graduated from the University of Michigan Law School where she was a Dow Sustainability Fellow and a Notes Editor on the Michigan Journal of Law Reform. She also received her Master’s in Public Health in Environmental Health Promotion and Policy from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. In law school, Shannon worked as a Student Fellow at the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, where she helped draft multiple amicus briefs in litigation over the Rights of Nature provisions in the Ecuadorian Constitution and was nominated to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law. She was also a Supervisor for the Environmental Crimes Pro Bono Project. As a graduate student, Shannon also taught courses in environmental law and human health and the environment.

SERVICES & INDUSTRIES

[Agency Compliance and Enforcement](#)

[Project & Property Development](#)

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School (2022)
- M.P.H., University of Michigan School of Public Health (2022)
- B.A., Wesleyan University (2014)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington

Representative Matters

- Led review in complex internal investigation for multinational energy company in response to state inquiry regarding releases of toxic contaminants into environment.
- Counsel to agricultural client in defense of challenges to land exchange under FLPMA and NEPA.
- Counsel to multiple real estate clients developing brownfield sites throughout all stages of cleanup negotiations with the Washington Department of Ecology and other potentially liable parties.
- Advised timber client on establishment of 177952 square mile Sourcing Area under the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act.