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OVERVIEW

Maureen O'Dea Brill concentrates her practice in the areas of energy, environment and natural resources law. Her practice serves a diverse client base across multiple industry segments and focuses on federal and state legislative and regulatory policy, administrative law, compliance, government enforcement, and litigation involving potential environmental liabilities. Maureen represents clients in matters arising from a range of energy and environmental regulations and statutes, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Water Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Maureen served as Legislative Aide for the Office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. and as an intern in the office of Judge Malachy E. Mannion of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 2013 (*cum laude*) (*Legislation and Policy Brief, Managing Editor (2012-2013)*)
- B.A., Boston College, 2007 (*cum laude*) (*Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania

- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 14 September 2023, Following Sackett, Another New Final WOTUS Rule
- 14 June 2023, EPA's Reinterpretation of the RCRA Industrial Ethyl Alcohol Exemption
- 5 June 2023, US Supreme Court Issues Landmark Clean Water Act Decision, Significantly Narrowing the Scope of "Waters of the United States" Under Federal Law
- 31 May 2023, EPA's Draft Plastics Strategy: A Road Map of What Comes Next
- 11 January 2023, When Hand Sanitizer Goes Bad: Managing and Disposing Unused Ethanol
- 28 July 2016, The "Most Contentious Issue" — Federal Preemption in the Amended Toxic Substances Control Act
- Spring 2015, Environmental Policy Quarterly

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "A Significant First Step For Pa. Carbon Capture Programs," *Law360*, 5 April 2023
- Assessing the Scope of the National Environmental Policy Act: Recent Attempts by Environmentalists to Add Climate Change Considerations into NEPA Review, 54 Nat. Resources J. 409 (2014).
- Making the Case for Wilderness: The Bureau of Land Management's Wild Lands Policy and Its Role in the Storied History of Wilderness Protection, 4 Leg. & Pol. Brief 7 (2012).
- Pennsylvania Environmental Law and Practice, Ch. 7 (Water Resources)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 January 2024, K&L Gates Names Nearly 30 Partners, Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Oil and Gas
- Water and Wastewater

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised an interested party regarding a corporate transaction involving the purchase of multiple solar, natural gas, wind, and energy-storage projects throughout the United States.
- Represented a wastewater treatment plant in successful defense of an appeal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit before Pennsylvania's Environmental Hearing Board.
- Advised financial and investment firms regarding natural gas regulatory and litigation matters, with an emphasis on the interrelationship between federal and state authorities relating to the development of interstate pipeline projects.
- Advised a global cosmetic manufacturer regarding retail waste management across the United States, including compliance with federal and states hazardous waste laws and operation of retail waste management and reverse distribution programs.
- Advised an interested party regarding the potential acquisition of an international automotive glass manufacturer.