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My practice involves a relatively young area of the law that is still evolving and changing, so keeping an eye out for what's coming around the corner on the regulatory and legislative front is an important part of my job. That, and the "science" side of my practice area, make it a perfect fit for me.

Maura counsels clients on a broad range of environmental and energy related matters. Her work encompasses environmental assessments and due diligence for complex real estate transactions and public-private partnerships, regulatory interpretation and compliance under ISRA and other environmental statutes, air and water permitting requirements, contaminated site remediation and brownfield redevelopment under New Jersey's Site Remediation Reform Act and LSRP program, and underground storage tank issues. She works closely with environmental consultants and engineers to identify potential environmental risks, and in the preparation of technical reports and regulatory submissions.

Maura has a longstanding interest and particular practice focus with respect to alternative energy, sustainable building initiatives and climate change issues. Her experience includes solar energy and cogeneration/combined heat and power (CHP) projects. She closely follows related legislative and regulatory developments at the state, federal and global levels, and played a role in crafting the New Jersey Energy Master Plan as an engineer with the former NJ Department of Energy. She has also completed coursework in Climate Change Law at Pace Law School, offered as part of its environmental LLM curriculum.

Departments

Environmental

Practice Groups

Energy & Renewable
Resources

Environmental
Higher Education

Education

Rutgers University School of
Law - Newark, J.D., 1989

City University of New York,
City College, B.E.M.E., 1984

State University of New York
at Purchase, B.A., 1979

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1989

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Maura has degrees in environmental science and mechanical engineering as well as law, a background which enables her to understand environmental and energy related issues, building operational systems and the tools of sustainability from the technical detail perspective. She assists clients with the task of interpreting complex technical data and is able to coordinate the efforts of multidisciplinary teams to achieve project objectives.

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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- Assisted University Counsel at Montclair State University in the evaluation of environmental issues and associated environmental contract provisions related to the University's development of a new cogeneration facility and the cessation of existing cogeneration operations.

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association; Corporate Sustainability, Cleantech, and Climate Change Special Committee Co-Founder, Member and past Co-Chair; Environmental Law Section (past Chair), Newsletter (past Editor)
- NJDEP Site Remediation Program Steering Committee (former member)
- Environmental Commission of Township of Springfield, NJ
- Union County Hub of Municipal Environmental Commissions (former Co-Chair)
- Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. (former member, Board of Directors)
- Women Lawyers of Union County Former Treasurer
- Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental American Inn of Court Former Master

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- Climate Change Track coursework, Pace Law School, Environmental LLM curriculum, 2010-2012
- Maura began her career as an environmental lawyer in private practice before joining the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, where she represented the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Public Utilities. She also conducted her own law practice, The Blau Law Firm, from 2003 to 2006.

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, Weather Climate Change and the Law

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, April 28, 2021

Speaker, 2019 Trends and Developments in the Energy Sector: What Lies Ahead

Sponsor: *The Knowledge Group*, December 5, 2018

Lecturer, Climate Action and Renewable Energy: Does A New Administration Mean New Directions for New Jersey in 2018?

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, March 12, 2018

Lecturer, Climate Change and Disaster Law / Emergency Preparedness

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Construction Law Section*, September 13, 2017

Presenter, What's in Store for the Energy Sector Under the Trump Administration

Sponsor: *The Knowledge Group*, June 27, 2017

Speaker, Bar Association Leaders Climate Change Summit

Sponsor: *New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section and Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School*, June 17, 2016

Moderator, Embedding Sustainable Development & Land Use into Public Policy

Sponsor: *New Jersey Appleseed Public Policy Forum*, March 23, 2015

Lecturer and Moderator, NJSBA Renewable Energy, Cleantech and Climate Change Committee programs September 2011 and September 2010

Panelist, New Jersey Environmental Legislation - An Update

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2013

Panelist, New Jersey Environmental Legislation - An Update

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association's Annual Meeting*, May 15, 2013

Welcome Address, Recovery & Rebuilding After Superstorm Sandy: Legal Perspectives on What We Know and Where We Go

Sponsor: *joint presentation by the New Jersey State Bar Association, American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources and Clean Ocean Action*, April 11, 2013

Speaker, Clean Energy Meeting the Courtroom

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Special Committee on Renewable Energy, Cleantech and Climate Change*, January 19, 2013

Presenter, The Latest Environmental and Energy Issues and Legislation

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Renewable Energy, Cleantech and Climate Change Committee and Environmental Law Section*, April 4, 2012

Lecturer, Combined Heat and Power

Sponsor: *NJSBA Environmental Law Forum*, June 1, 2010

Lecturer, EPA GHG Rulemaking

Sponsor: *NJICLE*, April 2010

Program Chair and Moderator, New Jersey 2010: The Post-Copenhagen Forecast & How New Jersey is Shaping a Greener Economy

Sponsor: *NJICLE – co-sponsored by NJ Corporate Counsel Association*, April 2010

Lecturer, Copenhagen Post-Mortem: The Climate Change Climate

Sponsor: *NJICLE*, April 1, 2010

Lecturer, Regulating Climate Change

Sponsor: *NJSBA Environmental Law Forum*, June 2009

Lecturer, Climate Change: New Jersey & Beyond, An Overview & Update

Sponsor: *NJSBA Environmental Law Forum*, June 2008

Lecturer, Massachusetts v. EPA: The Supreme Court Takes On Climate Change

Sponsor: *NJSBA Environmental Law Forum*, June 2007

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Author, Garden State C-PACE Program Update: EDA Issues Updated Program Guidelines and Draft Supplemental Guidelines

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, July 8, 2024

Author, An Overview of the New Jersey BPU's New Energy and Water Benchmarking Annual Reporting Requirements

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, September 28, 2023

Author, Garden State C-PACE Program Update: EDA Issues Draft Assessment Documents and Municipal Opt-In Ordinance

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, August 21, 2023

Author, Garden State C-PACE Program Update: EDA Issues Preliminary Draft Program Guidelines

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, April 25, 2023

Co-Author, NJDEP Publishes Interim Soil Remediation Standards for PFAS

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, October 17, 2022

Author, New Jersey Establishes C-PACE Program to Finance Eligible Commercial Renewable Energy Projects

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 24, 2022

Author, Connecticut Enacts Transfer Act Amendments Including Eventual Transition from Transaction-Triggered to Release-Based Program

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, November 17, 2020

Co-Author, Climate Change Takes Center Stage as NJDEP Schedules February/March Stakeholder Meetings to Address Critical Regulatory Reform

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, February 18, 2020

Author, SRRA 2.0 Is Signed into Law, Amending New Jersey's Site Remediation Reform Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, September 10, 2019

Quoted, Fine tuning: The Site Remediation Reform Act gets a legislative makeover

NJBIZ.com, July 29, 2019

Co-Author, SRRA 2.0: New Jersey Introduces Legislation to Amend Site Remediation Reform Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, June 10, 2019

Author, NJDEP's Revised Soil Remediation Standards May Potentially Impact Ongoing or Completed Remediation Projects

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, October 3, 2017

Author, EPA Proposes CO2 Emission Guidelines

New Jersey Law Journal, July 2014

NJDEP Announces Change in Deadline for Applications to Extend Remediation Investigations

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 2014

Co-Author, New Law Addresses Fire Safety Concerns For Roof Mounted Solar Panels in New Jersey

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, February 2014

Co-Author, An Overview of DEPs Recent Updates to Technical Guidance for Vapor Intrusion

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, February 12, 2013

New Energy Credit for Commercial and Industrial Utility Ratepayers On the Horizon in New Jersey

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, December 2012

New Solar Energy Law Seeks to Stabilize SREC Market

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, July 2012

Co-Author, *Sackett v. EPA*: U.S. Supreme Court Decision Opens Door for Pre-Enforcement Judicial Review of Compliance Orders Under Clean Water Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, April 2012

The Vapors: New NJDEP Vapor Intrusion Guidance Requirements Include Notification by Property Owners
NJPA Real Estate Journal, December 2005

At 25, Is Superfund Still the Robust Gorilla it Once Was?

New Jersey Law Journal, July 1, 2005