

Sara Beth Watson

Of Counsel

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Sara Beth advises clients on environmental, chemical regulatory, and occupational safety compliance issues, including the integration of various regulatory requirements into comprehensive compliance strategies. Her practice includes work with pesticides, industrial chemicals, agricultural products, medical devices, dietary supplements, contaminated property issues, and environmental due diligence in transactions.

Sara Beth advises companies and trade associations navigating through technical and cross-cutting issues under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA); the Clean Water Act (CWA); the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA); the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS); the Controlled Substances Act (CSA); and related federal and state regulatory programs such as California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65).

Professional Experience

- Private law practice (1986-2023)

Affiliations

Practice Areas

Environment & Product Regulation
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
Endangered Species
Extended Producer Responsibility and Recycling
Occupational Health and Safety
Pesticides and FIFRA

Credentials

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law; Order of the Coif

B.S., *magna cum laude*, Texas Christian University

Law Journals

Notes & Comments Editor, *Southwestern Law Journal*

Clerkships

Law Clerk for the Honorable Will Garwood, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1985-1986)

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar

Texas Bar

Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
 - Co-Chair, Pesticides, Chemical Regulation, and Right-to-Know Committee (2020-2021)
 - Council (2003-2006)
 - Chair, Environmental Transactions Audits and Brownfield Committee (2000-2002)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
 - Environmental Committee
 - Human & Life Sciences Committee

Recognitions

- *Euromoney's Expert Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law* (2010-2017)
- *Who's Who Legal, Environment* (2009-2013)