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PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental Law

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Aminah Famili

Attorney

Ms. Famili focuses her practice on environmental litigation, enforcement defense and regulatory compliance counseling, with a particular emphasis on solid and hazardous waste management, water discharges, and environmental remediation. Ms. Famili has handled litigation and regulatory matters arising under a variety of environmental laws including the Clean Water Act (CWA), Clean Air Act (CAA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and state counterparts. Ms. Famili has successfully represented companies in civil and administrative enforcement proceedings, contaminated property litigation, citizen suits and administrative permitting challenges.

Representative Experience

Advising property owners and developers on environmental liabilities associated with contaminated properties and developing strategic approaches to site investigation and remediation.

Counseling power-focused equity firm on the environmental aspects of a \$600 million acquisition involving three power-generating facilities, including identifying actual and potential environmental liabilities and transferring more than 50 facility permits.

Representing project sponsors through permitting and environmental reviews associated with constructing and operating a proposed waste-to-energy facility.

Advising industrial and manufacturing clients on compliance and permitting issues pertaining to solid and hazardous waste management, water discharges and stormwater management.

Successfully defending company against state common law tort claims related to alleged sub-surface migration of fly-ash contamination in groundwater.

Securing dismissal of administrative enforcement action filed against property owners for alleged water and sediment pollution violations and successfully defending dismissal on appeal.

Successfully appealing federal district court decision dismissing RCRA citizen suit action pertaining to volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination migrating into the Baltimore Harbor in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Defending corporate clients against governmental enforcement actions, including administrative compliance orders, information requests, and cleanup and abatement orders.

Memberships

American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

American Bar Association, Subcommittee of Women Environmental Lawyers

Women Lawyers of Sacramento

Education

University of Maryland School of Law; Baltimore, Maryland (J.D., *cum laude*, Certificate of Concentration in Environmental Law, 2010)

Temple University; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (B.A., *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2007)

Admitted to Practice in:

Maryland

California*

*Admission Pending