



LAURIE J. SANDS

Practice Areas

Environmental Law

Areas of Emphasis

Environmental Litigation

Regulatory Compliance

Maritime Law

Overview

Laurie J. Sands is Counsel in the Firm's Environmental Group and has focused her legal career on environmental law issues. She represents clients in complex environmental litigation, including claims under CERCLA, RCRA, the Water Pollution Control Act and the New Jersey Spill Act. She has negotiated numerous settlements involving clean-up costs for contaminated sites and natural resource damages. Laurie also routinely counsels clients with respect to regulatory compliance and transactions involving contaminated property. Prior to beginning her legal career, she spent six years at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"). This experience has helped Laurie in approaching all aspects of her legal practice.

Additionally, Laurie focuses on environmental issues concerning the shipping industry, including the North American Emission Control Area, ballast water management and vessel permitting. She has spoken on these



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issues at the ACI Admiralty and Maritime Conference held in Houston each year and was a past Chair of the ABA Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee. She also belongs to the Maritime Law Association and has a Master's Degree from the University of Rhode Island in Marine Policy.

Laurie is a past Chair of the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey Bar Association. She serves on the ABA Task Force on Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulation Modernization (FIIRM) and Health Care Reform (HCR). She is a former Barrister of the Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental Inn of Court.

Best Lawyers in America®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has included Laurie on its "Best Lawyers" list in the field of Environmental Law for 2022, 2021 and 2020. See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#).

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Education

Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, J.D., 1996

University of Rhode Island, M.A. in Marine Affairs, 1991

Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1983

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York