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Focus

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Environmental

Profile

Kate Moore works with clients as they navigate natural resource and environmental legal challenges.

Her natural resource practice is primarily focused on water law, in both transactional matters and litigation. She advises clients on water rights permitting and transfers, water rights transactions, easements, wetlands, and water quality. In addition, Kate handles matters related to the National Environmental Policy Act, public land permits and licenses, and the Endangered Species Act.

In her environmental practice, Kate helps commercial and industrial land owners and operators with environmental compliance, identifying and addressing environmental liabilities in property transactions, and Superfund and other environmental cleanup and cost recovery actions.

Communicating effectively with state and federal agencies and coordinating with environmental and natural resource consultants is an important part of Kate's success in helping clients achieve their goals. Many matters are resolved outside of court, but Kate also handles matters in administrative proceedings and in state and federal courts. She enjoys managing her clients' legal matters in this ever-changing regulatory environment so they can focus on what is most important to them.

Kate easily translates complex legal issues into succinct, manageable ideas that clients find easy to understand. Kate is also able to find common ground among stakeholders and audiences with diverse points of view.

When not in the office, Kate can be found with her two daughters and husband, running as the sun rises, and taking photographs. You might also find her hiking and skiing throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Admissions

Oregon, 2004

Washington, 2013

U.S. District Court District of Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Education

Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law; Cornelius Honor Society, 2004

Middlebury College, B.A., Environmental Studies, 1999

Results & Expertise

Representative Matters

Environmental

Reached successful settlement, including recovery of attorney fees, under Washington's MTCA for costs associated with investigation and remediation of property formerly used for disposal of shipyard-related waste.

Achieved multiple penalty reductions from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for stormwater monitoring violations.

Represented client in successful remediation of industrial lands overlapping a sensitive wetland environment; the project required obtaining various approvals from City of Portland and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and agreements with adjacent landowners.

Achieved penalty reduction from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violations alleged under the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA").

Natural Resources

Represent a client in obtaining water rights for a wetland mitigation project in the Columbia River Basin.

Helped client successfully defend a water rotation agreement in Baker County, Oregon.

Represent ranching and farming clients in Oregon's Klamath Basin water rights adjudication.

Evaluated extensive water rights of ditch company members for utilization in ongoing negotiations.

Published Work

- [Future of the West: Less Snow, More Drought?](#) Dunn Carney Natural Resources Updates, March 2014
- [Q&A: First Steps in Dealing with Contaminated Property](#), November 2013
- [S. Plans to Recommend Changes to Columbia River Treaty: Comments due Friday, October 25, on Draft Regional Recommendation](#), Dunn Carney Natural Resources Updates, October 2013
- [Supreme Court Clears the Waters on Stormwater Discharge from Logging Roads](#), Dunn Carney Natural Resources Updates, March 2013

Presentations

- Water Quality and Instream Water Rights, Dunn Carney Ag Summit, January 2018
- Integrated Water Resource Planning in Oregon, Dunn Carney Ag Summit, January 2016
- Ag's H2O Future: Eastern Oregon, Columbia River Basin Negotiations, Funding Programs & More, Panelist, Dunn Carney Water Summit, February 2015
- Water Resources in Oregon: Latest Developments, Dunn Carney Ag Summit, January 2014
- Development of Oregon Water Laws: Making Sense of It All, Oregon Water Laws and Regulations Seminar, August 2013

Industries

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Real Estate

Practice Areas

Land use, Environmental & Natural Resources

Honors & Affiliations

Professional Affiliations

Oregon State Bar, Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Executive Committee, Chair-Elect; Agricultural Law Section and Sustainable Futures Sections, Member

Multnomah Bar Association

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

Meritas Energy and Natural Resource Section

Oregon Women Lawyers

Community Organizations

CellCycle, Board Member

ALS Association, Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter, Volunteer and Former Board Member

Honors & Recognitions

Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2014

