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Samantha Murray assists clients on a full range of environmental law matters. Her practice spans litigation, regulatory law, due diligence and compliance; she regularly deals with legal issues arising under federal and state laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as local municipal regulations such as zoning codes. Samantha also frequently works with renewable energy companies on wildlife issues to ensure utility-scale facilities are legally compliant.

Samantha graduated from University of California, Berkeley School of Law with certificates in Environmental Law and Energy & Clean Technology Law. During law school, Samantha served as an Articles Editor and later Editor-in-Chief of *Ecology Law Quarterly*. She was also a Judicial Extern in the United States District Court, Northern District of California, a Research Associate for the law school's Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, and a Legal Intern at the Global Headquarters of Anheuser-Busch InBev, where she worked on sustainable procurement and renewable energy initiatives. Prior to law school, Samantha worked in multiple public sector positions in Washington, D.C.

Samantha regularly comments on news affecting endangered species issues in California and throughout the United States on the Firm's *Endangered Species Law & Policy* blog.

INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Recent Developments in CEQA Law & Climate Change," OCBA Environmental Law Section Meeting, Newport Beach, CA, 04.06.2023

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Federal District Court Enjoins Biden Administration's WOTUS Rule in Texas and Idaho," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.27.2023

Author, "Court Holds Reasonable Use Finding Not Required for Wastewater Discharge Permits," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.03.2023

Author, "U.S. EPA, Army Corps of Engineers Update WOTUS Rule, Reinstate Pre-2015 Definition," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.18.2023

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

Ellis J. Harmon Prize in Environmental Law & Policy
Henderson Scholar

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

Orange County Bar Association – Environmental Law Section, 2023 Secretary/Treasurer

PRACTICES

Environment & Land Use
Environmental Litigation

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D., 2021; Editor in Chief, *Ecology Law Quarterly*
Williams College, B.A., 2014

LANGUAGES

Spanish

ADMISSIONS

California