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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

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### PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Biden Administration Finalizes Updated WOTUS Rule," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.30.2023

Author, "UPDATE: Court Holds Reasonable Use Finding Not Required for Wastewater Discharge Permits," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.30.2023

Co-Author, "UPDATE: Agencies Announce Intent to Issue Final WOTUS Rule by September 1st," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.21.2023

"U.S. Supreme Court Limits Federal Jurisdiction Over Wetlands," *Nossaman eAlert*, 06.01.2023

Author, "**UPDATE:** Federal District Court Enjoins Biden Administration's WOTUS Rule in Texas and Idaho," *Nossaman eAlert*, 05.25.2023

Author, "**UPDATE:** Federal Court Enjoins Biden Administration's WOTUS Rule in 24 States," *Nossaman eAlert*, 05.25.2023

Contributor, "California Water Views - 2023 Outlook," *Nossaman Periodical*, 04.01.2023

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

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Speaker, "Recent Developments in CEQA Law & Climate Change," Orange County Bar Association's Environmental Law Section Meeting, Newport Beach, CA, 07.10.2023

## **COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL**

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

## **HONORS**

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

## **PRACTICES**

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Environment & Land Use  
Environmental Litigation  
Litigation

## **EDUCATION**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

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Spanish

## **ADMISSIONS**

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California