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Sara Johnson represents national- and state-based trade associations in the ecological restoration and mitigation industry. She advises clients on their policy priorities, strategic planning and association governance – specifically on regulatory and legislative developments pertinent to environmental markets and natural resource permitting, primarily related to wetland, stream, species and water quality offsets.

Sara further represents clients in environmental market due diligence, real estate transactions, including leasing, financing and acquisition deals. She also has handled matters relating to zoning and permitting challenges.

INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "The Time It Takes for Restoration," Environmental Policy Innovation Center and Ecological Restoration Business Association, 04.03.2023

Speaker, "Policy Perspectives from CalERBA," California Society for Ecological Restoration, 05.12.2022

Panelist and Moderator, "Legal, Legislative and Policy Updates," National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, 05.05.2022

Moderator, "Banks and In-Lieu Fees: Commonalities, Differences and Challenges," National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, 07.21.2021

PUBLICATIONS

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

Co-Author, "Mobilizing Private Capital for Large-scale Ecological Restoration and Conservation: Insights from the U.S. Experience," *Financing Investment in Water Security: Recent Developments and Perspectives*, Chapter 14, Edited by: Xavier Leflaive, Kathleen Dominique and Guy J. Alaerts, 1st Ed. Elsevier, 05.01.2022

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

California Ecological Restoration Business Association, Executive Director
Ecological Restoration Business Association, Executive Director

PRACTICES

Environment & Land Use
Government Relations & Regulation
Real Estate
Water Law

INDUSTRIES

Government & Public Sector
Water

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.; Articles Development Editor, *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*
University of Richmond, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

California
Virginia