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About

Sabrina Morelli's practice includes representing states and territories in disputes to protect their residents and natural resources from exposure to harmful pollutants. Sabrina is currently involved in assisting states seeking recovery from degradation of drinking water and wildlife as a result of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other forms of contamination. Sabrina also counsels private-sector clients in navigating compliance with emerging rules and regulations in the environmental and consumer protection space.

Sabrina is active in pro bono practice, focusing on immigration and women's rights.

Previously, Sabrina was a law clerk in the Conservation Law Foundation's Clean Air and Water Program. While at Boston College Law School, she represented clients in civil litigation in the Legal Assistance Bureau, and earned a certificate in Regulatory Compliance. Sabrina also studied climate science and policy in Sydney, Australia.

Sabrina taught a full-credit Environmental Law and Policy course at Boston College as an Instructor-at-Law with Faculty Status in 2022.

Experience

Environmental Litigation

Served as trial counsel for the State of New Jersey in prosecuting New Jersey's case against DuPont for knowingly discharging PFAS and other contamination from DuPont's Chambers Works site into the waters and environment of New Jersey for decades. Following a month of trial in federal court in Camden, DuPont and related companies agreed to a record setting settlement with New Jersey valued at \$2 billion in remediation, restoration, costs, and damages. On the eve of this trial, 3M settled-out for up to \$450 million more in PFAS damages to New Jersey. At \$2 billion, DuPont's settlement with New Jersey is the largest environmental recovery for a single plaintiff - and is one of the largest legal recoveries of any kind - in the history of the country.

Advises water providers with regard to state and federal PFAS regulatory compliance.

Serves on a team representing the State of Texas in litigation against chemical manufacturers for deceptive trade practices related to PFAS-containing products.

Serves on a team representing the State of Rhode Island in litigation against chemical manufacturers for statewide PFAS contamination.

Serves on a team representing the State of North Carolina in litigation against DuPont and Chemours over widespread PFAS and GenX discharges impacting the Cape Fear River and surrounding communities.

Pro Bono

Served as trial counsel for a domestic violence survivor in defending against claims of malicious prosecution and abuse of process brought by her former spouse in federal court in the Eastern District of New York. After the client had represented herself for eight years, Kelley Drye took on the matter pro bono and immediately prepared the case for trial on an expedited schedule. The team managed all aspects of a four-day jury trial, effectively countering emotionally charged allegations and demonstrating significant inconsistencies in plaintiff's testimony, and ultimately securing a unanimous jury verdict in the client's favor.

Related Services

Commercial Litigation
Consumer Class Action Defense
Environmental Litigation
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)
Litigation
Natural Resource Damages
PFAS and Emerging Contaminants
Public Sector and Government Entities
Environmental

Education

Boston College Law School, J.D., 2022

- cum laude

Providence College, B.A., 2019

- summa cum laude
- Deans List, Political Science

Admissions

New York, 2023