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OVERVIEW

Leah appreciates environmental law as a collaborative space that, when navigated correctly, produces synergy and positive outcomes between parties.

Some of the country's most critical companies and manufacturers must balance business with a rotating roster of state and federal regulations regarding environmental protections. As an Environmental attorney with an M.S. in Environment, Ecology, and Energy, Leah is among those monitoring and researching legislation, counseling on compliance and negotiating remedies on issues including:

- Clean Air Act (CAA)
- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Mine Safety and Health Act (MSHA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Community Solar
Environmental
PFAS
Project Finance

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- Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA)
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

Leah also guides clients on renewable energy issues including matters involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state utility commissions.

Clients appreciate Leah's experience in a previous fellowship navigating the balance between development and environmental protections in the mitigation banking context, and as a project scientist at an environmental solutions company.

Experience

- Represented Swift Current Energy as project development counsel in the multi-year development and sale of the Steel River solar and storage project to Cypress Creek Renewables.
- Provided compliance counseling regarding the phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, including guiding policy efforts and representing clients in EPA enforcement actions.
- Represented client in the acquisition, development and tax equity financing of a 135 megawatt wind project in Arkansas.
- Served as environmental and permitting counsel for tax equity in connection with the financing of a portfolio of solar projects located in Michigan and Virginia.
- Represented client in the tax equity financing of a 593 megawatt solar project in Illinois.
- Served as environmental and permitting counsel for client in connection with the financing of the 228 MW Posey Solar Project in Southern Indiana.
- Led team serving as local counsel for a tax equity investor in connection with a 640 MWdc solar facility located in Texas.
- Served as environmental and permitting counsel for tax equity in connection with the financing of a 300 MW wind facility in Illinois.
- Led team serving as local counsel for financing in connection with the development of three RNG facilities located in Indiana, New Hampshire, and South Carolina.

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Experience

- Served as environmental and permitting counsel for developer in connection with the financing of a pipeline conversion project from natural gas to CO2 in Nebraska.
- Led team serving as local counsel for developer in connection with a 250 MW (AC) solar facility located in Missouri.
- As project scientist for environmental consulting company, worked with industry clients to help them achieve and maintain compliance with relevant Clean Air Act provisions including Title V and state permit requirements.
- As project scientist for environmental consulting company, formulated and applied air emission calculations to determine and predict compliance status.
- As project scientist for environmental consulting company, collaborated with industry representatives and local government regulators to identify solutions.
- As a fellow, drafted conservation easements to assist in development of mitigation banking projects.
- Served as project development and local counsel to Arevon through the development and debt financing of 228 MW Posey Solar Project.
- Represented Swift Current Energy in closing a tax equity investment from Google for the Double Black Diamond Solar project, an 800 MWdc (593 MWac) facility in Illinois expected to be the largest solar project east of the Mississippi River and the second-largest single-phase solar project in the U.S.
- Assisted Arevon Energy in the closing of financing for the 251 MW Gibson Solar Project in Indiana, serving as as project development and local counsel.
- Assisted Arevon Energy in the closing of a $500 million financing package for the 430 MW Kelso 1 & 2 Solar Projects in southeastern Missouri.
- Assisted Arevon Energy in the closing of financing for the 228 MW Posey Solar Project in Southern Indiana.

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Experience

- Served as development counsel for Jupiter Power, a leading developer and operator of energy storage infrastructure, in its recently closed $286 million project financing to support the construction of two standalone battery energy storage systems (BESS).
- Secured a $47.5 million settlement agreement on behalf of TBK Bank, SSB in a four-year long lawsuit against the United States Postal Service.

Recognition

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors, 2021; Honors, 2023

Education

- J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law
  - *North Carolina Journal of International Law*, Executive Editor
  - Environmental Law Project, Communications Director
  - Lambda Law Students Association, Secretary
- M.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
  - Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program
- B.A., Duke University
  - Evolutionary Anthropology major, Environmental Science and Policy minor, Political Science minor,
  - Graduated with Distinction

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Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Community Leadership

- Military and Veterans Law Clinic, 2019-present



2026 Pro Bono Contributor

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