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## **PRACTICES**

Climate Change Energy Transition Hydropower Litigation & Investigations

## **EDUCATION**

Georgetown University Law Center University of the Virgin Islands

### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia Bar New York State Bar

# APRIL KNIGHT ASSOCIATE



# **Professional Background**

April Knight focuses her practice on environmental law, trial and appellate litigation, investigations, hydropower, and climate policy. April assists in matters involving the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rulemakings.

During law school, April was a law clerk and summer associate with the firm, supporting attorneys on hydro, cybersecurity, and litigation matters. At the U.S. Senate, she was a law clerk for Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), supporting the senator's Judiciary Committee attorneys in reviewing legislation, drafting vote recommendations, and preparing documents for Judiciary Committee hearings. At the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, she served as a judicial intern for Judge Rudolph Contreras, drafting judicial opinions, minute orders and memoranda on various civil cases.

April is committed to promoting diversity in the legal profession. During law school, she served as Private Sector Chair for the Georgetown Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. April also was an editor for the American Criminal Law Review, the nation's premier criminal law journal, publishing and editing for the law journal's online platform.

April's community involvement has included supporting the Humane Society of St. Thomas and the nonprofit organization, My Brother's Workshop. She is also dog mom to Leia Bear, whose Instagram account has over 50,000 followers.

# **Representative Experience**

- Defending a New Jersey client in complex litigation related to a Superfund site
- Strategic counseling on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions rulemakings
- Drafting arguments and petitions before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission related to state water quality certifications for a hydropower client
- Drafting a \$2 million EPA cleanup grant application for an Alaska Native American client
- Defending a Washington client in fraud litigation in the state of Ohio
- Drafting client and news alerts on a range of issues with Native American affairs, hydropower and Endangered Species Act and environmental Justice implications.

# **Government Service**

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Chambers of the Honorable Rudolph Contreras 2021

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
Law Clerk. 2022

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# Alerts

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- Biden Administration Announces Proposed Phase Two NEPA Regulations, 08/09/2023
- U.S. Supreme Court Narrows WOTUS, Limiting Scope of Clean Water Act, 05/30/2023
- FERC Reauthorizes Texas LNG, Rio Grande LNG Projects, 04/25/2023
- Biden Executive Order 14091 Strengthens Equity for Federal Agencies, 02/23/2023
- White House Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool, 02/17/2023
- FWS Proposes to Streamline Eagle Take Permitting Process, 10/10/2022