



## Sean G. Herman

### Associate

Sean is a counselor and litigator focused upon the practice of environmental law. In an effort to proactively address environmental issues, Sean assists clients in achieving regulatory compliance in hazardous waste management, water rights, consumer products, and chemical manufacturing matters. He also assists clients through environmental investigation and remediation efforts, with extensive experience working closely with regulators and consultants to effectively address potential environmental contamination in a financially viable manner.

On behalf of individuals, community groups, governments, businesses, and other stakeholders, Sean has prosecuted and defended numerous high-profile environmental, land use, and toxic tort matters, including multiple class actions, citizen suits, and Superfund sites. Sean has had success litigating matters that address water, soil, sediment, and air pollution from facilities involving dry cleaning and upstream/downstream oil processes, as well as ship building, metal plating, gasket, printing, and chemical manufacturing operations. Accordingly, Sean has extensive experience with statutes such as CERCLA, RCRA, HSAA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Proposition 65, and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

#### Publications

"Clean Water Act Cases Head to the High Court," co-author, *Daily Journal* (March 2019)

"Trump Administration's Clean Water Act Proposal Will Affect Many Developer and Public Agency Projects," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (December 2018)

"Can Groundwater Permitting Affect the Public Trust?," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (September 2018)

"California Law Firm Sees Instability and Concern In Clean Water Regulation," co-author, *Environmental Business Journal* (September 2018)

"The Politics Of Going Green: Law Needs To Change To Save Our Globe," co-author, *Lawyer Monthly* (August 2018)

"Practitioner Insights: Maui Groundwater Case Shows Government

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#### Practices/Industries

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Environment & Natural Resources

Contaminated Property

Water Law

Government

Land Use

Business Litigation

Product Liability & Torts

Proposition 65

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Retreat Is Bad for Everyone," co-author, *Bloomberg Environment* (May 2018)

"Circuit Courts Extend Clean Water Act Liability to Discharging Treated Wastewater and Other Pollutants to Groundwater," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (April 2018)

"The Supreme Court's Clean Water Act Ruling Opens Floodgates To Future Litigation," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (January 2018)

"Cases provide insight into shifting environmental policy," co-author, *Daily Journal* (January 2018)

"Upcoming State Water Diversion Measurement and Reporting Deadlines," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (November 2017)

"PFC Regulation Begins in California," co-author, *Environmental & Natural Resources Alert* (November 2017)

"Supreme Court to Hear "Waters of the United States" Argument this Fall," co-author, *Environmental & Natural Resources Law Alert* (July 2017)

"EPA Proposes to Narrow "Waters of the United States" Definition," *Environmental Law Alert* (June 2017)

## **Presentations**

"Waters of the U.S." Rule After South Carolina Coastal Conservation League v. Pruitt," co-presenter, Strafford Publications (November 2018)

"Diversity, Inclusion and the Bottom Line: From Pledge to Profitability," co-speaker, The Bar Association of San Francisco (September 2018)

"Environmental Law Basics: Understanding Hazardous Waste," moderator, The Bar Association of San Francisco (November 2017)

"Environmental Basics: Practicing CEQA in California," moderator, BASF Barrister's Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Section (November 2016)

"Game Changer: TSCA Amendments and Chemicals in the 21st Century," moderator, BASF Environmental Law Section (July 2016)

"The BP Oil Spill and Evolution of Natural Resource Damages," moderator, BASF Barrister's Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Section (June 2016)

"Keeping an Eye on Emerging Contaminants," speaker, Environmental and Emerging Claim Manager Association Annual Conference (April 2016)

"Prop 65 Basics: Intro to Chemical Regulation," moderator, BASF Barrister's Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Section (May 2015)

## Press

“State and Local Governments Create Alliances to Fight Climate Change as Trump Administration Rolls Back Efforts to Impact Air Regulations,” Environmental Business Journal (Winter 2019)

“Pruitt Tries to Bulletproof Waters Rule Repeal Before Exit,” Bloomberg Environment (July 2018)

## Community Involvement

Boston College Northern California Alumni Chapter, Executive Committee Member

Golden Gate Audubon Society, San Francisco Conservation Committee Member

Alvord Lake Task Force, Member

## Professional Affiliations

Chair of the Barristers Club's Environmental, Land Use, and Real Property Section for the Bar Association of San Francisco

Executive Committee for the Bar Association of San Francisco Environmental Law Section

Barristers Club's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee for the Bar Association of San Francisco

## Education

J.D., Rutgers University (2011)

B.S., *cum laude*, Boston College (2007)

## Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

New Jersey

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U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

New York

**Languages**

Spanish