HansonBridgett



Louise Dyble

Senior Associate

LDyble@hansonbridgett.com
(415) 995-6477

Hanson Bridgett LLP
425 Market Street, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Areas of Focus

- Environmental Law
- Contaminated Property
- Air Quality / Climate Change / Greenhouse Gases
- Water Law
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Food and Beverage
- Product Liability and Torts
- Government
- Public Transit and Transportation
- Infrastructure

Louise advises businesses on navigating complex regulatory frameworks, with a focus on environmental compliance and permitting, air emissions, water quality, waste management, and environmental mitigation and remediation.

She represents clients facing regulation and enforcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Bay Area Air District and the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Louise brings a pragmatic, solutions oriented approach to regulatory challenges and, when necessary, provides assertive defense for companies involved in the generation, transmission, storage, and sale of energy, as well as manufacturers, retailers, and real estate developers.

Before joining private practice, Louise built a distinguished academic career focused on California history, urban development, and infrastructure governance. She has taught and published extensively on environmental justice, land use, and metropolitan policy, bringing a unique perspective to her legal practice.

Representative Work

Defend enforcement actions under federal environmental laws including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, RCRA, TSCA and FIFRA

Represent companies with liability for contamination at Superfund and other remediation sites in negotiations with states, federal agencies and tribes, as well as in litigation and arbitration proceedings

Advocate on behalf of public and private sector clients before the California Public Utilities Commission with respect to carbon capture, utilization and storage policy within carbon-neutrality and net zero greenhouse gas rulemaking

Advise and negotiating complex challenges related to permit compliance and mitigation requirements, successfully achieving significant reductions in fees and penalties

Provide environmental diligence and risk analysis for transactions and projects involving brownfields, environmentally sensitive areas, and other complex sites

Support and advising companies seeking to secure incentives related to energy development such as the Community Energy Tax Credit, or to participate in credit trading programs such as California's cap-and-trade program for climate emissions

Prepare companies for future compliance challenges, particularly with respect to emissions controls and emerging contaminants such as PFAS

Publications

"El Niño Alert 2: Emergency Authorities for Responding to Flood and Storm Water Damage," author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (October 2026)

"El Niño Is Coming: Flood and Storm Water Preparation, Response and Recovery," author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (September 2026)

"New Stormwater Permit for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Sites in Los Angeles Watersheds," author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (September 2026)

"CPUC Will Address Electric Rate Impacts of Data Centers and Other Large Energy Users," author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (April 2026)

"Strategically Green: Realizing the Potential of Brownfields," NAIOP Development Magazine (2024)

"Brownfields Definition Key to Energy Community Tax Credit," Law360 (December 2023)

"The Future of SEPs in Citizen Suits," ABA NATURAL RESOURCES & ENV. (2021)

"Federal PFAS Regulation and the States," WESTLAW J. ENV. (April 2020)

“Aquifers and Democracy: Enforcing Voter Equal Protection to Save California’s Imperiled Groundwater and Redeem Local Government,” 105 CALIFORNIA L.REV. 1471 (October 2017)

Presentations

“AAI and After: The Narrow Path for Preserving Liability Protections” California Land Recycling Conference (September 2026)

“Buyer Beware: Avoiding CERCLA Liability: Environmental Assessment through Continuing Obligations” California Lawyers Association Real Property Law Retreat (May 2026)

“Environmental Diligence 101: Phase I ESAs and Other Basics” SMRH CLE Webinar (July 2024)

“New Standards for Environmental Diligence: Implications for Prospective Owners, Operators & Investors,” SMRH CLE Webinar (February 2023)

“PFAS & Real Property Transactions: Essentials of Diligence & Compliance,” SMRH CLE Webinar (June 2022)

Professional Affiliations

San Francisco Bar Association, Environmental Section, Executive Committee MemberASTM Committee E-50 Voting Member (responsible for Phase I and Phase II ESA standards)ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, Waste and Resource Recovery Committee

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (2016)

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (2003)

B.A., magna cum laude University of California, Berkeley (1995)

Admissions and Courts

California

Illinois