

Pamela A. Baker

Partner

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Pam Baker has an environmental practice where she assists with the defense of state and federal environmental enforcement actions related to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), and other environmental and health statutes and regulations.

She advises energy clients on the full range of environmental regulations affecting energy production, including the development and operation of renewable energy projects. She also provides counsel in complex Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act (CERCLA) negotiations with the EPA and the State, as well as in matters related to brownfield redevelopment and landfill compliance.

Pam's practice also involves representing clients before the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in negotiating air and water permits, voluntary cleanup contracts, and renewable/sustainable energy project permits. Pam routinely appears before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court representing clients in environmental permitting appeals.

Experience

- Ms. Baker successfully represented a local school district in fighting several challenges to water quality permits needed for the expansion and renovation of one of its high school facilities. Resolving this matter required working closely with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District. The matter was argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court which ultimately ruled unanimously in favor of the school district.

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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CAPABILITIES

Administrative & Regulatory

Automotive

Environmental

Manufacturing

Real Estate

Commercial Litigation

Procurement

EDUCATION

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law

cum laude

Order of the Coif

Order of the Wig and Robe

South Carolina Law Review

B.S., University of South Carolina

LICENSED IN

South Carolina

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- Ms. Baker has also assisted local governmental bodies and private industry in various procurement matters. She has also provided advice regarding the procurement process to local school boards and governmental bodies.

Honors & Recognition

- Chambers USA, "Registered Practitioner" in Environmental (2019)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2017, Administrative/Regulatory Law since 2022, Environmental Law since 2016, Litigation - Environmental since 2019
- Graduate, Liberty Fellowship (2012)
- Named, *Columbia Business Monthly*, "Legal Elite" (2015); Environmental (2020)
- Graduate, Leadership South Carolina (2010)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- McNair's Pam Baker Elected to USC Board of Visitors
Firm News, 07.09.2018
- 49 McNair Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018
Firm News, 08.22.2017
- 53 McNair Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America© 2017
Firm News, 08.15.2016
- Pamela Baker Selected for Riley Institute at Furman Diversity Leaders Initiative's 9th Class
Firm News, 01.26.2016

Speaking Engagements

- South Carolina Bar Convention
Speaking Engagement, 01.17.2019

Civic Activities

- Member, University of South Carolina Board of Visitors
- Member, Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. Treasurer (2006-2008)
- Board Member, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
- Commissioner, South Carolina Commission on Women (2009-2012)
- Board Member, Leadership South Carolina Board of Trustees (2010-2014) Vice Chair (2012-2014)
- Board Member, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbia

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Professional Activities

- Board Member, USC Education Foundation (2020-Present)
- Vice Chair, USC Board of Visitors (2020-Present)
- Council Member, South Carolina Bar, Environmental and Natural Resources Section
- Member, South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- Board Member, South Carolina Bar Foundation (2006-2012)
- Member, John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court, President (2005-2006)