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At a Glance

Rebecca focuses on water and administrative law in Texas and California.

Her work as an assistant city attorney gives her a deep understanding of the demands on public agency resources.

Rebecca helps public agencies navigate environmental laws.

Areas of Focus

Practices

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Municipal Law

Telecommunications

Water Quality

Profile

Rebecca Andrews' practice focuses on federal environmental laws and their implementation through state authorized programs in Texas and California, including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Section 404 programs under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. Rebecca works extensively with water districts, cities, counties and special districts on all aspects of water quality matters. These water matters include permitting, regulatory compliance, administrative and civil enforcement, and litigation.

Rebecca's experience includes:

- Defending clients in enforcement actions brought by state and federal regulatory authorities for alleged violations of environmental regulations
- Representing clients as parties and *amicus* before state and federal courts in Clean Water Act citizen suits and challenges to NPDES permits
- Preparing comments and testifying before regulatory agencies during NPDES permit development, rulemakings and enforcement actions
- Advising public agencies and private clients on compliance with water quality regulations
- Advising cities and special districts on the development and use of recycled water, including ownership issues and responses to drought and flooding conditions
- Advising clients on the water supply implications of water quality projects and water quality considerations of water supply projects

Industries

Municipal

- Assisting public agencies with the establishment and modification of regulatory compliance programs, including administrative and civil enforcement of environmental regulations
- Preparing an expert report on regulatory compliance benefits of patented technology in a patent infringement lawsuit resulting in a \$12.5 million jury award

While in law school at the University of San Diego School of Law, Rebecca was a member of the *San Diego Law Review*, a teaching assistant for property classes and a member of the appellate litigation team. Upon graduation, she was inducted into the Order of the Coif and received a pro bono service award for her volunteer work during law school. Rebecca graduated first in her class from Emory University with a Master of Divinity. She earned two fellowships to study at the Universität Göttingen in Germany while working on her master's degree. She is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California and licensed to practice law in the states of Texas and California.

Education

- University of San Diego, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif
- Emory University, M.Div., *summa cum laude*
- Seattle Pacific University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

Memberships

- Texas City Attorney Association
- Texas Water Conservation Association
- California Stormwater Quality Association