



**Tammy Helminski advises municipal, manufacturing, institutional, and individual clients on the environmental aspects of their operations. Using her technical background as an engineer and environmental policy experience allows her to analyze legal challenges from various perspectives when providing practical solutions for her clients.**

Tammy is experienced with environmental compliance and permitting, including evaluating stormwater, wastewater, hazardous waste, TSCA and FIFRA issues, and environmental management systems such as ISO 14001. She is active in evaluating and drafting comments on proposed regulations and is skilled in addressing administrative regulatory challenges. Tammy helps clients address the unique challenges of emerging contaminants, such as PFAS, including helping lead the national PFAS Regulatory Coalition. She has also worked with clients on Department of Energy product energy efficiency compliance and enforcement and similar state programs.

Tammy, who is co-chair of the firm's PFAS and emerging contaminants team, manages complex remediation sites involving numerous parties under both state and federal oversight. As a litigator, she has represented clients in cases involving CERCLA, NEPA, RCRA and NREPA, as well as product liability, mold, and asbestos matters. In addition, Tammy's abilities include emergency response advice.

She was an intern during law school for the Honorable Robert H. Cleland, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

An engineer, Tammy has spent her entire professional career working on environmental matters. Prior to the law, Tammy served as a pollution prevention coordinator at the NASA Ames Research Center and was an environmental engineer at Ford Motor Company. Tammy's first-hand experience results in a detailed understanding of the complex issues that encompass client environmental legal concerns.

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### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School,  
(J.D.), 2005, associate editor of the  
Michigan Journal of Gender & Law

Michigan Technological University,  
(M.S.), environmental policy, 1998

Michigan Technological University, (B.S.),  
environmental engineering, 1998

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Michigan

### COURT ADMISSIONS

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

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

Brownfields and Environmental  
Transactional Diligence

Environmental

Environmental Litigation

Environmental, Social and Governance

PFAS and Emerging Contaminants

Pipelines

Remediation, Corrective Action and  
Voluntary Cleanups

Waste Management

Water

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Immediate Past-Chair, State Bar of Michigan Environmental Law Section, former chair and secretary/treasurer, Hazardous Substances & Brownfields Committee, State Bar of Michigan Environmental Law Section

Graduate, Urban Land Institute's Larson Center for Leadership (inaugural class)

Member and past chair, City of Grand Rapids Vital Streets Oversight Commission

External Advisory Board Member, Pavlis Honors College, Michigan Technological University

## **Honors**

Michigan Super Lawyers, 2015-2019; Rising Stars, 2009, 2011-2014

The Best Lawyers in America, 2016-2024

Grand Rapids Magazine Top Lawyers, 2019, 2021-2023