



Jessica Reiss has considerable depth of knowledge in environmental law, which stems from multiple, diverse perspectives gained working in numerous positions in the environmental field, including with a state regulatory agency, in environmental consulting, in house with regulated entities, and performing public and private research. Her experience allows her to advise clients with a wide range of environmental issues.

Jessica has handled issues regarding environmental compliance, safety, sustainability, air permitting, storm water, wastewater pretreatment, hazardous waste programs, tanks, and related enforcement actions.

Jessica came to Barnes & Thornburg from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), where she was an attorney and provided counsel to the Office of Air Quality and to the Rules Development Branch. She represented the department in permit appeals, enforcement actions, and rulemaking. Prior to joining IDEM, she was an environmental consultant advising federal agency clients on environmental compliance and sustainability. Prior to law school, Jessica managed environmental health and safety in house at automotive manufacturing facilities throughout the Midwest.

Jessica chose to attend Vermont Law School because she knew she wanted to practice environmental law, and it is consistently ranked among the top schools for environmental law by U.S. News & World Report. During law school, as a research assistant with the Institute for Energy and the Environment at Vermont Law School, she researched regulatory barriers to carbon capture and sequestration, ultimately co-authoring a book that provided legislative and regulatory solutions.

In addition to her practice, Jessica has taught sustainable management and environmental law and regulation as an adjunct professor at Indiana University-Indianapolis School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

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EDUCATION

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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

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LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Air Quality

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INDUSTRIES

Energy and Utilities

Licenses and Permits

Manufacturing

Renewable Energy

Board member, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

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Honors

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