

Maureen O'Dea Brill

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OVERVIEW

Maureen O'Dea Brill is a partner in the firm's Environment and Energy practice group, where she focuses her practice on energy as well as state and local tax matters.

Maureen has extensive experience assisting clients with federal and state environmental regulatory compliance, permitting, due diligence, enforcement defense, and public policy engagement. She counsels a diverse client base, including manufacturers and sellers of retail personal care products; companies that manufacture or use chemicals in their operations; developers and operators of energy, commercial, and industrial projects; and natural gas producers and transporters. She also regularly advises parties to business transactions and litigation involving potential environmental liabilities.
Maureen has represented clients in administrative appeals before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board and the US Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Appeals Board and. She also advises clients navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws at the state level.

Maureen has provided legal counsel to a range of clients on Pennsylvania state and local taxation matters. Her experience includes advising clients on appeals of property tax assessments, challenges to state and local tax assessments, and the preparation and prosecution of petitions for tax refunds. She assists clients in evaluating tax positions, navigating administrative review processes, and resolving disputes with taxing authorities, with a focus on practical, business-oriented outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Maureen served as a Legislative Aide for Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. and interned for Judge Malachy E. Mannion of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Energy Law in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 2027

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Energy & Environmental Policy Council
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Waste and Resource Recovery Committee
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Environmental Committee
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, EPR Webinar, Beauty Industry West, 13 October 2026
- Speaker, “California's Regulated Organics, Recycling, and Packaging Initiatives,” 36th Annual Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania Recycling & Organics Conference, 22-24 July 2026

EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 2013 *(cum laude) (Legislation and Policy Brief, Managing Editor (2012-2013))*
- B.A., Boston College, 2007 *(cum laude) (Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 2 September 2026, Oregon's Extended Producer Responsibility Law Upheld Following Constitutional Challenges in *National Ass'n of Wholesale Distributers v. Feldon*
- 24 August 2026, DC Circuit Upholds EPA's PFAS Hazardous-Substance Designations Under CERCLA
- 18 August 2026, There Is "Reasonable Potential" To See PFAS in Your Next NPDES Permit
- 7 July 2026, Seventeen States and Trade Association Challenge California's Extended Producer Responsibility Statute
- 26 June 2026, California's Landmark Textile Recycling Law With Looming 1 July 2026 Deadline
- 16 June 2026, Environmental Groups Challenge California's Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations for Being Too Lenient

- May 2026, Developing a National Compliance and Reporting Strategy to Comply With Extended Producer Responsibility Obligations
- 7 May 2026, California SB 54 Regulations Finalized—Action Required
- 17 March 2026, Charting the regulatory road map, *Recycling Today*
- 2 February 2026, New EPA Proposal Seeks to Adopt a More Restrictive Section 401 Framework
- 14 January 2026, 2026 Regulatory Outlook: Advanced Recycling
- 20 November 2025, California's Plan for a Zero Waste Economy
- 9 October 2025, EPA Proposes Major Changes to Chemical Risk Evaluation Process Under TSCA
- 26 August 2025 , Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources to Implement Nation's First Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program
- 17 December 2024, Apportioning the Cost of Household Hazardous Waste Management in Vermont
- 14 September 2023, Following Sackett, Another New Final WOTUS Rule
- 14 June 2023, EPA's Reinterpretation of the RCRA Industrial Ethyl Alcohol Exemption
- 5 June 2023, US Supreme Court Issues Landmark Clean Water Act Decision, Significantly Narrowing the Scope of "Waters of the United States" Under Federal Law
- 31 May 2023, EPA's Draft Plastics Strategy: A Road Map of What Comes Next
- 11 January 2023, When Hand Sanitizer Goes Bad: Managing and Disposing Unused Ethanol
- 28 July 2016, The “Most Contentious Issue” — Federal Preemption in the Amended Toxic Substances Control Act
- Spring 2015, Environmental Policy Quarterly

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “EPA Proposes Modifications to its Chemical Risk Evaluation Process,” *EnviroPolitics*, 11 October 2025
- “A Significant First Step For Pa. Carbon Capture Programs,” *Law360*, 5 April 2023
- "Assessing the Scope of the National Environmental Policy Act: Recent Attempts by Environmentalists to Add Climate Change Considerations into NEPA Review," 54 Nat. Resources J. 409 (2014).
- "Making the Case for Wilderness: The Bureau of Land Management's Wild Lands Policy and Its Role in the Storied History of Wilderness Protection," 4 Leg. & Pol. Brief 7 (2012).
- Pennsylvania Environmental Law and Practice, Ch. 7 (Water Resources)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 September 2024, K&L Gates Receives FAA Approval for Pyrotechnics Client to Use Fireworks From Drones in LA Getty Show
- 2 January 2024, K&L Gates Names Nearly 30 Partners, Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment and Energy

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Water and Wastewater

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised an interested party regarding a corporate transaction involving the purchase of multiple solar, natural gas, wind, and energy-storage projects throughout the United States.
- Represented a wastewater treatment plant in successful defense of an appeal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit before Pennsylvania's Environmental Hearing Board.
- Advised financial and investment firms regarding natural gas regulatory and litigation matters, with an emphasis on the interrelationship between federal and state authorities relating to the development of interstate pipeline projects.
- Advised a global cosmetic manufacturer regarding retail waste management across the United States, including compliance with federal and states hazardous waste laws and operation of retail waste management and reverse distribution programs.
- Advised an interested party regarding the potential acquisition of an international automotive glass manufacturer.