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John Ugai represents clients in a broad range of environmental litigation, permitting, compliance, and administrative enforcement matters.

John helps clients navigate the complexities of federal and state environmental laws, including the California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act. In particular, he has experience representing large and small businesses in matters involving liability for cleanup and site remediation and federal citizen suits under the Clean Water Act. In addition to representing clients in state and federal court, John advises clients on environmental compliance and renewable energy project development issues.

John also maintains an active pro bono practice, which includes representing clients in efforts to protect environmental resources and lands.

Before joining Farella, John served as a law clerk to the Honorable Susan van Keulen of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. He was also a criminal justice reform law clerk and Ford Fellowship recipient with Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus. At Stanford Law School, he spent two years helping to represent local environmental groups before state courts as well as state and federal agencies in Stanford's Environmental Law Clinic.

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, Emerging Leaders Initiative, Environmental Law Institute (2022)

Publications

January 5, 2022

AB 525: Laying the Foundation for California's Offshore Wind Industry

Daily Journal

May 26, 2021

New Statewide Winery Order: What Wineries Need to Know

Wine Industry Education Series

June 16, 2020

Key PFAS Regulatory Standards Set in California

Industry Today

June 5, 2020

New Screening Levels for Key PFAS Chemicals Will Spur Regulatory Action at Contaminated Sites

May 21, 2020

Supreme Court Ruling Expands Reach of Clean Water Act NPDES Permitting

Services

- Energy + Infrastructure
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Litigation
- Environmental Regulatory / Compliance
- Data Center
- Natural Resource Protection
- Renewable Energy
- Wine

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D., 2017)
 - . Technical Managing Editor, Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Occidental College (B.A., 2014)
 - . magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- California

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court (N.D. Cal.), Susan van Keulen

California Ag Net

April 23, 2020

Major Supreme Court Ruling Expands Reach of Clean Water Act NPDES Permitting to Certain Discharges to Groundwater

March 30, 2020

Perfluorinated Compounds: No Longer an Emerging Contaminant
Industrial Equipment News

June 1, 2017

Regulating with Reasonable Use: Lessons From Drought Management in the Russian River Watershed
Hastings Environmental Law Journal

June 1, 2017

Conjunctive Use on the Yuba: Lessons From Drought Management in the Yuba Watershed
Hastings Environmental Law Journal

March 1, 2017

California Water Governance for the 21st Century
Stanford Law School Environment & Natural Resources Law and Policy Program Report

Outside the Office

In his free time, John enjoys all things food and exploring Bay Area trails with his wife and their two rescue dogs.