



Linda Sobczynski Gilleran

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Linda Sobczynski Gilleran has a comprehensive renewable energy, litigation, and regulatory environmental practice. She advises on clean energy permitting relating to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Endangered Species Act. She has a successful track record in environmental litigation, defeating claims brought under NEPA and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Additionally, she has obtained favorable settlements for her clients in matters arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Proposition 65, the Clean Water Act, as well as in complex toxic tort litigation. She also has an active pro bono practice at the intersection of clean energy permitting and remediation with the goal of developing clean energy resources at existing industrial infrastructure sites.

Linda's biological sciences degree bolsters her strength as an environmental advisor and litigator, allowing her to meaningfully collaborate with technical consultants on issues related to emerging contaminants, air quality, hydrology, biology, and geology to find the right solutions for her clients.

Before commencing her legal career, Linda interned at several environmental regulatory agencies. Her internships have included service with the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Energy Commission, the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice in Sacramento, California, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC.

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Energy Law; Environmental Law; Litigation—Environmental (2024-2025)
- Northern California Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers*, Environmental Litigation (2023-2024)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Steering Committee Member, Women in Environmental Law & Leadership, Environmental Law Institute (2023-present)
- Executive Committee Member, Environmental Law Section, Bar Association of San Francisco (2022-present)
- Member, Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (2024-present)
- Emerging Leaders Initiative, Environmental Law Institute (2020-2022)
- Fellow, Clean Energy Leadership Institute (2019)

Publications

November 21, 2022

California Attorney General's Office Files PFAS Lawsuit

December 1, 2020

Services

- Energy + Infrastructure
- Environmental Law
- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Land Use / Development
- Natural Resource Protection
- Real Estate
- Renewable Energy

Education

- University of California, Davis, School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - Environmental Law Certificate
 - senior article editor, *Environs: Environmental Law and Policy Journal*
 - senior notes and comments editor, *UC Davis Law Review*
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., 2012)
 - Biological Sciences
 - Political Science

Bar Admissions

- California

Marine Plastic Pollution: How Global Extended Producer Responsibility Can Help

The Environmental Law Reporter

September 30, 2020

Battery Energy Storage Systems Series

June 4, 2020

New EPA Clean Water Act Rule Attempts to Streamline Permitting Process

May 29, 2020

Permitting Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Projects: Lessons From California

pv magazine

April 24, 2020

Renewable Energy Roundtable Update in the Wake of COVID-19

November 20, 2019

Changing Climate, Changing Laws: Addressing New Wildfire Risk Requirements in Project

Development

PV-Magazine

September 12, 2019

Changing Climate, Changing Laws: Addressing CEQA's New Wildfire Risk Requirements in Project

Development

Outside the Office

Linda can be found wingfoiling, paddleboarding and golfing with her husband in the Bay Area. She enjoys listening to podcasts and audiobooks while hiking or indoor cycling, re-watching and re-reading the *Harry Potter* movies and books, and embracing the challenge of sourdough bread baking.

