



Linda Sobczynski Gilleran

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Linda Sobczynski Gilleran's practice spans a diverse range of permitting, compliance, enforcement, and litigation matters arising under state and federal environmental laws, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act. She has extensive experience counseling public and private clients on environmental review under CEQA and NEPA, participating in land use-related administrative proceedings and appeals, and litigating in state and federal court.

Additionally, Linda represents large and small businesses in matters involving liability for cleanup and site remediation, environmental enforcement defense, and toxic torts.

Prior to 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.

That initial exposure coupled with her science background makes her a lawyer clients rely on to develop case strategies, prepare concise, digestible, and incisive memoranda and motions, and clarify the underlying scientific issues in what are often complex matters. Regulatory agency decisions are often informed by technical concepts, and Linda's capabilities in this regard are invaluable.

Linda is a co-chair of Farella's Learning + Development Committee.

Distinctions

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

Memberships and Affiliations

- Steering Committee Member, Environmental Law Institute: Women in Environmental Law & Leadership (2023)
- Executive Committee Member, The Bar Association of San Francisco: Environmental Law Section (2022-2023)
- 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

Services

- Energy + Infrastructure
- Environmental Law
- Land Use / Development
- Natural Resource Protection
- Real Estate
- Renewable Energy

Education

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

Bar Admissions

- California

December 1, 2020

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.

