

# Claire M. Williams

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## ASSOCIATE

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## Claire counsels clients of all sizes on energy and environmental regulatory matters.

Claire brings experience as a law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to guide clients through regulatory and administrative proceedings. Her practice is a balance of state permitting and due diligence for renewable energy developments, as well as compliance with ever-changing state and federal environmental regulations.

Her regulatory and permitting practice includes assisting clients with state and local zoning, permitting and land use issues for wind, solar, natural gas and transmission lines before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and other agencies.

Claire also understands the importance of providing clients with accessible guidance in complex regulatory systems. In particular, Claire has experience with Minnesota's cutting-edge regulation of emerging contaminants, including PFAS. She also provides up-to-date and relevant counseling on the continuing evolution of environmental justice considerations at both the federal and state level.

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Energy  
Renewable Energy  
Environmental & Natural Resources

## ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

## EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D.  
*summa cum laude*,

- Order of the Coif
- *Minnesota Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor

Grinnell College, B.A., Chemistry and French

## CLERKSHIPS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Minneapolis City Attorney's Office

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## EXPERIENCE

Counseled clients on compliance with Minnesota's energy development laws and regulations.

Assisted clients in negotiations with state and federal regulators on environmental compliance issues.

Counseled clients on environmental justice issues, including EJScreen and the role of environmental justice in agency enforcement.

Provided environmental and energy diligence for transactions in Iowa, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

Guided clients through the changing landscape PFAS regulations at the state and federal level, including questions related to sampling for PFAS and bans on PFAS in consumer products.

**Leveraged state and federal data and information protection laws, including the Freedom of Information Act and the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, to gather vital information for clients as well as protect client information.**

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, 2024

## NEWS

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Names Glasnovich a 2024 Fellow, Araujo and Williams as Pathfinders

02.28.2024

Stinson Environmental Attorneys Provide PFAS Guidance in *Law360* Article

12.22.2023

Stinson Adds 16 New Associates Across the Firm

02.10.2021

## PUBLICATIONS

["Considerations for In-House Counsel Before Testing For PFAS,"](#) *Law360*, December 2023

Bureau of Land Management Rules Signify Shift Toward Conservation

05.03.2024

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EPA Finalizes Groundbreaking Rule to Regulate Two PFAS under CERCLA

04.19.2024

Securities and Exchange Commission Finalizes Climate Disclosure Rules

03.08.2024

EPA and State Regulators Outline Region 7 Regulatory Priorities at Environmental Conferences

10.06.2023

Minnesota Announces PFAS Rulemaking

09.18.2023

Supreme Court Decision Alters Interpretation of Waters of the United States

05.31.2023

Minnesota Legislature Passes Historic Environmental Legislation

05.23.2023

Minnesota Proposes Environmental Justice Standards for Air Permits

05.18.2023

Minnesota's PFAS Monitoring Plan Signals Increased Enforcement

10.04.2022

Biden Administration Takes Concrete Steps to Prioritize Environmental Justice

05.10.2022

EPA Proposes Accelerating Nutrient Reductions

05.05.2022

Clean Water Requirements Escalate for PFAS, Nutrients and other Pollutants

09.10.2021

Supreme Court Protects Drafts Under Deliberative Process Privilege

03.08.2021

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