

Joanne Rotondi

Partner

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Biography

As a partner in our Transportation and Environment practices, Joanne Rotondi focuses her practice on regulatory compliance, litigation, and environmental permitting.

Joanne guides clients through obtaining critical regulatory approvals such as vehicle and engine certifications and on-board diagnostic (OBD) approvals, as well as complex permitting processes for large development projects, including liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals and deep-water ports, and has a talent for coordinating legal, expert, and client teams to achieve success.

With a deep understanding of the technical issues involved, she advises large automotive manufacturers and suppliers on emissions, fuel economy, and greenhouse gas (GHG) issues at state and federal levels, in-use compliance and reporting requirements, and related policy and rulemaking efforts. She brings vast knowledge of every aspect of Clean Air Act mobile source regulation, as well as the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act and endangered species matters, and taps into that knowledge for a broad range of clients including vehicle and heavy duty engine manufacturers. Her work includes obtaining critical approvals from both the U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (ARB) for new motor vehicles and



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Transportation

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Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Automotive Regulatory
Clean Water Act
Clean Air
Environmental Litigation

engines, and leading the team's efforts to provide business critical advice on the first ever export LNG deep-water port in the Gulf of Mexico.

Joanne serves on the EPA's Mobile Source Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS) of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). This subcommittee is made up of industry representatives as well as academic, public interest, and government representatives providing independent advice, counsel, and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of programs related to mobile source air pollution and motor fuels. Through its various workgroups, the MSTRS addresses a wide range of developments, issues, and research areas, such as emissions modeling, air toxics, innovative and incentive-based transportation policies, on-board diagnostics, heavy-duty engines, and reformulated gasoline.

Representative experience

Assisting leading global automobile manufacturers in obtaining critical approvals from both the U.S. EPA and California ARB for new motor vehicles and engines.

As leading environmental counsel, guiding the federal and state permitting efforts for a natural gas deep-water port in the Gulf of Mexico.

On behalf of a large poultry producer, helped win a district court decision overturning an EPA enforcement order under the Clean Water Act and successfully upheld the decision on appeal.

Counsels three proposed LNG export facilities in the Gulf of Mexico, particularly focusing on NEPA, NPDES, and wetlands issues.

Advises large automobile manufacturers and suppliers on mobile source emissions and fuel economy issues, including GHG credit opportunities and rulemakings by the U.S. EPA and NHTSA.

Land Use and Project Development
Natural Resource Management
Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
Permit Negotiations and Appeals
Rulemaking and Legislative Advocacy

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, cum laude, 2000

M.A. Environmental and Resource Economics, Duke University, 2000

B.S., Cornell University, 1996

Memberships

ABA Sustainable Development, Ecosystems, and Climate Change Committee

EPA Mobile Source Technical Review Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Court admissions

Helped to secure an unprecedented decision invalidating an Endangered Species Act listing decision for major oil and gas producers.

Assisting light and heavy duty vehicle and engine makers with preparation and review of certification application materials.

Advising leading automaker on EPA and CARB emissions-related reporting obligations, including auditing client practices and recommending compliance improvements.

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Awards and rankings

- Environment: Litigation, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Transport: Rail and Road (Regulation), *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - CARES Act select transportation summary
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Trump administration releases final SAFE vehicles rule *Transportation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - COVID-19 and compliance with DOT drug and alcohol testing regulations *Transportation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - NHTSA issues proposal to modernize crashworthiness standards for automated vehicles
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - NHTSA grants Nuro petition for temporary exemption *Transportation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - CEQ's NEPA regulatory overhaul: highlights and predictions *Client Alert*