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Environmental issues tend to be overwhelming to those who encounter them. I have a real passion for this area of law and the nuances it brings to each situation. My job and my goal each time I have a client approach me with an issue is to make it as understandable as possible and to put the issue into perspective so the client can be comfortable with what needs to be done and how we are going to accomplish the necessary steps. Taking the worry out of the process by providing informed and knowledgeable counsel makes the client's life easier, and at the end of the day that is what my practice is meant to do.

Amy Rickers is an experienced attorney and **mediator** who focuses on **litigation** and transactional/advisory areas of **environmental law**. In addition to her environmental matters, Amy also practices in **land use and eminent domain/condemnation**. Amy has unique practice experience in that she has practiced on both the regulatory (**Government**) side of environmental issues and the private sector (business/individual) side of enforcement and compliance. This blend of experience provides a comprehensive approach to her legal practice. Previously practicing in Texas with clients throughout the country, Amy has transitioned her practice to North Carolina and has the capacity and ability to represent clients locally and nationally with environmental matters. Amy has over 20 years of experience as a litigator and has experience in transactional and advisory issues, providing a solid base for

Practices

Environmental
Litigation
Real Estate Advisory Services
Condemnation Rezoning & Land Use
Mediation & Arbitration

Industries

Local Government
Manufacturing
Energy

Bar Admissions

North Carolina
Texas

Court Admissions

All State Courts in North Carolina
All State Courts in Texas
U.S. District Court of North Carolina,
Western District
U.S. District Court of Texas, Northern,
Southern and Eastern

Education

University of Nebraska College of Law
(JD, , 1999)
Texas Christian University (BA, , 1996)
• Environmental Sciences

evaluating any environmental issue that arises. Her experience has covered all media including, air, water (wastewater, stormwater, and groundwater), waste, soil, and endangered species work. Amy enjoys working with her clients to understand the multi-faceted aspects of environmental issues. Whether it is compliance with environmental regulations, applying for brownfields program protections for underutilized and distressed properties development, assessing properties or businesses for potential purchase or sale, responding to CERCLA or RCRA investigation notices, or contesting/defending permit applications for business operations and compliance, Amy is well equipped to analyze and explain the necessary actions to a client and to assist them through the process.

In addition to her environmentally focused practice, Amy is certified as a Superior Court Mediator through the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. Utilizing her decades of litigation experience, this portion of her practice offers the opportunity to assist parties seeking resolution of a dispute by alternative means. Mediation often provides avenues for a resolution that may not otherwise be obtained through the judicial process. Amy's appreciation for these opportunities drives her desire to help parties resolve disputes through the mediation process.

Representative Experience

- Represented a citizen group in contesting permitting of construction for an electric utility facility location.
- Represented an independent energy company in permitting of its proposed refinery.
- Represents companies in reference to compliance issues related to agency inspections, investigations, and notice of noncompliance.
- Represents companies in defense of CERCLA lawsuits.
- Represents Potential Developers in seeking entry into Brownfields program to redevelop underutilized properties while obtaining tax incentives and liability protection from existing environmental concerns.

Associations

Professional

- **Mecklenburg County Bar**
- **North Carolina Bar Association**
- **State Bar of Texas**
 - Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Community

About Our Firm
Recognition

- Represents parties to real estate transactions by evaluating property assessments and reports to determine potential exposure, liability, and necessary protections for transactional documents.
- Reviews environmental indemnities, warranties and representations in asset sales and purchase transactions.

Professional Certifications

Certified Superior Court Mediator, North Carolina

Honors

- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite”** – Environmental Law (2021-2023)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite” Hall of Fame** – Environmental Law (2023)
- **The Best Lawyers in America**© – Litigation – Environmental (2021-2023)
- **Thomson Reuters** – Rising Stars (2008, 2012)