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Marina is a partner in the firm's Norfolk office where her practice focuses on environmental law. Marina has extensive experience working through the maze of federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. Her practice involves a broad range of regulatory and administrative services ranging from the negotiation of permits to the resolution of enforcement actions. When necessary, Marina will go to court to fight for her clients, but by utilizing her skills and experience she knows how to keep them on the right side of complex environmental laws and out of costly court battles. Marina also adds value to commercial transactions such as buying and selling real estate or mergers and acquisitions by limiting her client's liability for environmental issues.

In addition to her years of law firm experience, Marina has worked in the private sector as Environmental Counsel to Browning-Ferris Industries and Elf-Atochem, N.A. and Regulatory Counsel to EnviroSphere Co., a division of Ebasco Services. Furthermore, she served as the Assistant Regional Counsel to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Region III), Assistant Attorney General to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

practice areas

- Environmental & Administrative Law
- Real Estate Strategies
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances

representative matters

- Represented seller of shopping center containing release of dry cleaning solvents: negotiated satisfactory completion of Voluntary Remediation Program and completed sales transaction
- Represented purchaser of former industrial site through redevelopment of a brownfields site as a waterfront mixed-use project
- Represented multiple waterfront landowners in successful determination of riparian rights
- Limited environmental liability for potential purchaser of active Superfund clean-up site
- Represented chemical manufacturer in resolving potential air permit violations without regulatory enforcement action
- Settled major U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Corps of Engineers wetlands enforcement action with permission for development of impacted acres
- Negotiated contract documents for the construction of a green building with LEED certification
- Represent owners of target housing rental properties in resolving federal enforcement actions for violation of lead disclosure requirements

representative matters (cont.)

- Represented landfill owner in successful completion of solid waste facility closure and post-closure care requirements to terminate government regulation of the landfill
- Negotiated settlement of state storm water and wetlands enforcement action with reduced fine and site restoration requirements

recognition and honors

- Best Lawyers in America, 2009-2012
- Virginia Super Lawyers; *Law & Politics*, 2006
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2004, 2008-2011
- Women in Business Achievement Award; *Inside Business*, 2005
- Hampton Roads CIVIC Leadership Institute, Class of 2006
- AV® Rated; Martindale-Hubbell

associations

- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Advisory Committee; Chair
- Tidewater Builder's Association; Developers' Council, Green Building Council
- United States Green Building Council; Hampton Roads Chapter
- Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate
- Environmental Law Institute; Attorney Member
- Department of Environmental Quality Offshore Wind Regulatory Advisory Panel, 2010
- Department of Environmental Quality Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee, Summer-Fall 2000
- Department of Environmental Quality Brownfields Technical Advisory Committee, Fall 2008-present
- Virginia Legislature Subcommittee; Financial Assurance Solid Waste Management Facilities, Spring 2000
- Virginia State Bar Environmental Law Section; Board of Governors, 1999-2005, 2011-present
- Virginia State Bar, Environmental Law Section; Chair, 2004-2005
- Virginia Bar Association; Vice-Chair, Environmental Law Council
- EVMS Strelitz Diabetes Foundation; Board Member, 2007-present
- Lynnhaven River Now; Executive Committee, Board of Directors
- Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center; Board of Trustees
- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association

education

- University of Pennsylvania; B.A., *with distinction*, 1974
- Villanova University School of Law; J.D., 1977

press and publication

- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2011
- 40 K&C Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America" 2012
- Five Ways to "Green" Your Small Business
- Private Client Services Update - General Assembly Makes Changes to the Conservation Tax Credit Application Process
- Marina Liacouras Phillips Named Chair of the Virginia Bar Association Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Law Section
- "Brownfields: A Comprehensive Guide to Redeveloping Contaminated Property, Third Edition"; American Bar Association, Peer Reviewer
- 39 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2010
- 36 K&C Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2011
- Marina Liacouras Phillips Named to DEQ Offshore Wind Regulatory Advisory Panel
- 39 K&C Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2009
- "Wetlands Mitigation Requirements Standardized"; Tidewater Builder, June 2008

press and publication (cont.)

- “Water Conservation Through Green Infrastructure”; ABA Section of Environment Energy and Resources Water Quality Newsletter, April 2008
- Rapanos Wetlands Guidance Issued by the Corps and EPA
- U.S. Supreme Court Addresses the Scope of Federal Wetlands Regulation
- When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade! Risks and Rewards of Brownfields Development in Virginia
- Wetlands Mitigation Practice: Mitigation and the Regulatory Process
- Marina Liacouras Phillips Named to State Air Pollution Control Board
- 35 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2010
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2009
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine’s* Legal Elite 2008
- 28 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named in Virginia Super Lawyers 2006
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine’s* Legal Elite