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Michele T. Tantalla focuses her practice on environmental related issues and has assisted in matters involving site remediation, federal and state cost recovery and contribution claims, natural resource damages, insurance coverage and regulatory and compliance issues, and has extensive knowledge of state and federal regulations. Using this knowledge base, Ms. Tantalla assists clients with investigation and remediation activities, permitting and compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations. She works with state and federal regulators on projects requiring environmental permitting and has represented parties challenging adverse rulings by regulators.

As an active litigator in state and federal courts, Ms. Tantalla has represented clients in a variety of matters, including commercial disputes, product liability claims, mass litigation, as well as environmental litigation, regulatory and compliance matters.

Ms. Tantalla received her Juris Doctor degree and Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. While attending law school, Ms. Tantalla served as a Managing Editor of the *Vermont Law Review*. Upon graduation, from 2000 through 2001, she served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Eugene D. Serpentelli, Assignment Judge, Ocean County, Superior Court of New Jersey.

Ms. Tantalla joined Connell Foley in 2001.

Representative Experience

- Representation of parties impacted by adverse environmental conditions at a property, including investigation and remediation of CERCLA/Superfund and sites in various states;
- Representation of various developers in purchase and sale of industrial properties with respect to environmental concerns, including drafting environmental contract provisions, conducting environmental due diligence and counseling on ISRA compliance;
- Representation of an environmental consulting firm in multi-party environmental litigation arising from decommissioning of automobile assembly plant;

Practice Areas:

Environmental Law
Real Estate Law and Land Use
Business Litigation

Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey
State of New York
United States District Court for the
District of New Jersey

Education:

Seton Hall University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1996)
University of Vermont Law School
(J.D., 2000; M.S.E.L., *magna cum laude*, 2000)

Affiliations:

New Jersey State Bar Association
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New York State Bar Association
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- Representation of an environmental engineering consulting firm in CERCLA cost recovery litigation brought by the United States involving a CERCLA site;
- Representation of parties challenging adverse permitting rulings by NJDEP;
- Representation of various potentially responsible parties at CERCLA/Superfund sites;
- Representation of a national homebuilder in a suit by homeowner alleging fraud;
- Representation of a potentially responsible party in NJDEP hazardous waste enforcement action pursuant to RCRA arising from a garbage truck fire and emergency response;
- Representation of a major petroleum company in defense of environmental contamination and toxic tort claims, including personal injury, medical monitoring, property damage, and remediation claims;
- Representation of a pharmaceutical manufacturer in PPA product liability class actions and 100 plus individual cases.

Publications

- Co-author, "NJDEP Jurisdiction Expanding: Proposed revisions to stream encroachment permit rules" published in the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2007)
- Co-author, "Rapanos: The feds and intrastate waters" in *In Re: The Magazine from New Jersey Lawyer* (2007)
- Note Author, "The Precautionary Principle in Marine Fisheries Conservation and the U.S. Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996" 24 Vt. L. Rev. 1351 (2000)

Professional Activities

- Moderator, "The Economic Advantages of Green Buildings" 3rd Annual Green Buildings Summit 2011 (June 2011)
- Moderator, "Government Legislation for Eco-Friendly Building Construction" 2nd Annual Green Buildings Summit 2010 (June 2010)
- Certified Mediator, State of New Jersey (2000)

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