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For more than two decades, Sharon has counseled clients, particularly those in the transportation, manufacturing and environmental services industries, on complex environmental, toxic tort and commercial litigation matters throughout the country. Her Delaware practice is also known for its focus on corporate and trust and estate litigation.

Sharon's clients rely on her strategic counsel with issues arising in connection with environmental, health and safety laws, regulations, programs and policies, including:

- Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act
- Delaware Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act
- Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act
- Underground Storage Tank Act
- Clean Water Act
- Toxic Substances Control Act
- Coastal Zone Act
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Brownfields Redevelopment programs

Sharon's experience also includes:

- Successfully defending a toxic tort action through exclusion of adversary's experts pursuant to a Daubert challenge.
- Negotiating, assessing and litigating natural resource damages claims.
- Advice and counseling on Environmental Audits
- Obtaining necessary permits and approvals on projects involving wetlands.
- Advising purchasers and sellers in acquisitions and real estate transactions, including counseling on environmental, due diligence, land use and title issues.

- Counseling property owners with storm water issues, including those subject to storm water assessments.
- Representing Delaware corporations in litigation involving everything from local operations to international contractual disputes.
- Litigation of contentious, high-stakes trust and estate matters, including trust construction, will contests and fiduciary issues.

Sharon's leadership roles within the firm include:

- Wilmington Office Managing Partner
- Member of the firm's Executive Committee
- Co-chair of the Environmental Practice Group
- Co-chair of the Business Development Subcommittee of the Women's Initiative
- Former co-chair of the Connectivity Subcommittee of the Women's Initiative

### **Honors & Awards**

- Selected to the "Top Lawyers" list by *Delaware Today* (2017)\*
- Selected to the "Environment Attorney of the Year in Delaware" list by *Corporate INTL Magazine* (2014, 2015)\*

[\\*Awards Methodology](#)

### **Practice Areas**

- Litigation
- Environmental
- Construction
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Environmental Compliance
- Food & Beverage

### **Bar Admissions**

- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Maryland

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

### **Education**



- University of Delaware (M.B.A., 2004)
- Widener University School of Law (J.D., 1990)
- Rutgers University (B.A., 1987)

### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Environmental Litigation Committee, Subcommittee of Women Environmental Litigators (SWEL)
- Delaware State Bar Association
- Delaware State Bar Association, Nominating Committee
- Past Chair, Environmental Section, Delaware State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- Commercial-Industrial Realty Council of New Castle County
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Delaware Valley Green Building Council
- The Committee of 100
- Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Committee
- Environment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey

### **Board of Directors**

- Wilmington Housing Partnership