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Martha is a sought-out legal and policy advisor on matters where technological advancement, environmental protection, and governance intersect. Her clients are solving today's major environmental security issues including climate change, PFAS contamination, and ocean plastics. Martha frequently consults on chemical control under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as well as initiatives that advance bio-based, sustainable products. Her expertise lies in chemical regulation to help clients open markets and help to keep them open. She is sought-out by clients who need to secure new chemical approvals in a timely way with freedom to operate.

Martha's experience makes her ideally suited to counsel corporations most likely to experience growth in relation to the Biden-Harris Administration's initiatives on climate, renewable energy, and national goals to curb plastic waste. These government initiatives will directly result in the need for TSCA support in areas such as electric batteries, bio-based plastics, and products enabled through nanotechnology. A more comprehensive approach to EPA risk evaluations and risk management of existing chemicals under the current Administration makes her experience in negotiating consent orders on chemicals with respect to workplace requirements and downstream processing highly relevant in today's regulatory environment.

Representative Matters



- Represent and advise Downstream User Coalition on TSCA risk evaluations.

Practice Areas



Environment & Product Regulation
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

Credentials



Education

J.D., Catholic University of America

B.S., University of Vermont

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Ninth,
and District of Columbia Circuits

- Intervening counsel in *Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families v. EPA*, No. 17-72260 (9th Cir. 2019).
- Successfully obtained one of the last Low Volume Exemption (LVE) grants under TSCA for a PFAS chemical.
- Regularly assists manufacturers of genetically modified yeast, algae, bacteria, and plant-based products in addressing rules on notification, taxonomy, transport, and chemical identity.
- Among the first attorneys to help carbon nanotube and nanocellulose manufacturers obtain approval for their innovations under TSCA.
- Successful defense of the right to immediately commercialize nanomaterials under section 8(a). Advocacy efforts included favorable non-reporting ruling by EPA for emulsion polymers.

Professional Experience

- U.S. Delegate, International Standards Organization (ISO), Committee on Nanotechnologies (2005-2013)
- Chair, Working Group 1 Nomenclature and Terminology, U.S. Technical Advisory Group

Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA)
 - Past Co-Chair, Special Committee on Congressional Relations
 - Past Chair, Pesticide, Chemical Regulation and Right-to-Know Committee, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- Environmental Law Institute
 - Board Member

Recognitions

- Included in *The Best Lawyers of America* directory for Environmental Law (2024)
- Recognized in *The Legal 500 US* in Environment (2023)
- Named one of 500 Leading Environmental and Energy Lawyers by *Lawdragon* (2021, 2023-2024)
- Listed by *Chambers USA* as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Environment (2020-2024)
- Included in *Who's Who Legal: Environment & Climate Change* (2022-2023)
- Recognized as one of the nation's top "Energy & Environment Trailblazers" by *The National Law Journal* (2018)