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Rachel Levick is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She practices in the firm's Litigation Department and is a member of the Environmental Practice Group.

Rachel represents companies across multiple industries in a wide range of federal and state court litigation, agency enforcement actions, and administrative rulemaking proceedings. She works with her clients to assess compliance, navigate enforcement actions, and defend against litigation under a variety of federal statutes and programs, including the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. In addition to her federal experience, Rachel helps clients address environmental litigation, enforcement, and compliance issues with state regulators, particularly in California. She also advises clients in a variety of corporate, private equity, finance, and real estate transactions, identifying environmental risks and negotiating transactional documents for buyers, sellers, and investors of manufacturing, service, technology, aerospace, petroleum, energy, and financial industry clients.

In 2025, Rachel was selected by the *National Law Journal* as a D.C. Rising Star. She has also been recognized by *Law360* as an Environmental "Rising Star," in the *Lawdragon 500 X* – The Next Generation edition, and by *Best Lawyers* as "One to Watch" in Environmental Litigation.

Representative engagements include:

- Representing the Alliance for Automotive Innovation and the National Automobile Dealers Association as Intervenor-Defendants in California's challenge to the use of the Congressional Review Act to revoke three of the State's Clean Air Act waivers for its vehicle and engine emission programs, including a successful appeal to the Ninth Circuit of the District Court's denial of intervention. *California v. EPA*, No. 25-cv-04966 (N.D. Cal.); *California v. American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce et al.*, No. 26-0088 (9th Cir.).
- Successfully obtaining on behalf of eBay Inc. Rule 12 dismissal of claims by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleging violations of three major federal environmental statutes. *United States v. eBay Inc.*, 751 F. Supp. 3d 232 (E.D.N.Y. 2024)
- Representing Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC in investigation and civil enforcement action regarding compliance with Clean Air Act requirements governing emissions controls and in related settlement of civil claims with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Attorney General, the California Air Resources Board, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. *United States v. Daimler AG*, No. 20-2564 (D.D.C.).

Capabilities

Environmental
Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Consumer Protection
Crisis Management
ESG: Risk, Litigation, and Reporting
Litigation
Mass Torts and Product Liability
State Attorneys General

Credentials

Education

University of Pennsylvania - 2013 Juris Doctor
University of Pennsylvania - 2010 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Maryland Bar
District of Columbia Bar

Clerkships

USDC, District of Columbia, Hon. Amy Berman Jackson, 2014 - 2016

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- Advising a multinational oil company in the defense of a $1.8 billion civil lawsuit regarding oil remediation in Indonesia, resulting in the complete dismissal of the plaintiff's claims by the trial court, subsequently affirmed on appeal, and in multiple individual follow-on actions, each dismissed at the trial court level.
- Representing clients in developing substantial regulatory comments to major EPA proposed regulations under the Clean Air Act.
- Defending a major Fortune 500 life sciences company in federal Superfund proceedings and state enforcement action concerning multimillion dollar remediation of groundwater contamination.
- Prosecuting $250 million CERCLA cost recovery action against the United States, resulting in a significant recovery after multi-week bench trial in federal court. *Lockheed Martin Corp. v. United States*, 35 F. Supp. 3d 92 (D.D.C.).

Rachel was an associate at Gibson Dunn from 2013 to 2014. From 2014 to 2016, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Amy Berman Jackson of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She rejoined the firm in 2016.

Rachel received her law degree *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2013, where she was a recipient of the Levy Scholarship. During law school, she served as a Senior Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* and as a Louderback Legal Writing Instructor. Rachel earned her Bachelor of Arts degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010.

Rachel is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia, and before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

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