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Professional Background

Sophia provides counsel to both public and private sector clients on various environmental, tribal, and natural resource matters under the SEPA/NEPA, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and Marine Mammal Protection Act.

During law school, Sophia served as an extern to Honorable Robert S. Lasnik in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. She also interned in D.C. at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, where she worked with the Office of International and Maritime Law on environmental law issues. Sophia was an Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *Washington Law Review*, President of the Environmental Law Society, Vice President of the Native American Law Student Association, and an executive board member of the Moot Court Honor Board. Prior to attending law school, Sophia received her Master's in Marine and Environmental Affairs and her research focused on how the environment influences tribal well-being. When not in the office, Sophia enjoys cheering on her Miami Hurricanes, hiking, and trivia.

Articles and Presentations

- Traditional Ecological Disclosure: How the Freedom of Information Act Frustrates Tribal Natural Resource Consultation with Federal Agencies, *Washington Law Review*, Vol. 92 pp. 937, 06/19/2017
- The Heartbeat of Our People: Identifying and Measuring How Salmon Influences Quinault Tribal Well-being, *Society & Natural Resources*, Vol. 29 pp. 1389, 05/25/2016

Alerts

- Federal Guidance on Section 404 Permitting Under Development, 02/14/2019
- Federal Agencies Release the New Clean Water Rule to Replace "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) Rule, 12/12/2018
- BSEE Streamlines Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems Requirements, 10/04/2018
- Obama Era WOTUS Rule Reinstated in Washington State (For Now), 09/19/2018
- WOTUS Rule Reinstated in 26 States After Court Enjoins Delay, 08/27/2018
- EPA and Corps Seek Additional Comment on Proposal to Repeal Definition of WOTUS, 07/18/2018