

Katie Barajas

Senior Associate

Miami

Biography

Katie advises clients on responding to multi-agency government investigations and enforcement actions. She assists clients in navigating the response to major accidents, such as industrial fires, chemical releases and explosions, and pipeline releases. Her experience includes representing both corporations and individuals in criminal enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act (CAA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act), Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS), and Title 18. She develops legal strategies for responding to these investigations and provides advice on developing and improving compliance programs in both environmental and worker safety, as well as general ethics and compliance. She also assists clients in addressing suspension and debarment risks associated with enforcement actions.

With deep experience in technical matters, she advises clients in manufacturing, energy, transportation, and critical infrastructure.

She graduated with a JD from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2015 and has a B.S. in Business Administration from Georgetown University.

Representative experience

Representation of international cruise line operator in civil investigation and enforcement regarding waste management and alleged Resource Conservation and

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Languages

English

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2015

B.S. Business Administration, Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business, cum laude, 2009

Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

Virginia

District of Columbia

Recovery Act (RCRA) claims.*

Representation of international shipping company in criminal investigation, trial, and sentencing for alleged violations of the Act to Prevent Pollution From Ships (APPS).*

Representation of individual employees in criminal investigation for alleged violations of the APPS.*

Representation of petrochemical manufacturer in criminal investigation and plea negotiations for alleged violations of the CAA RMP.*

Conducted internal investigation into whistleblower complaints into compliance issues for a meat packaging facility.*

Representation of oil and gas service provider in criminal investigation, plea, and sentencing under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) in connection with fatal incident.*

Representation of renewable natural gas processor in criminal investigation into alleged violations of RCRA.*

Advisor to Court Appointed Monitor for world's largest cruise line after environmental conviction; focus on corporate governance and financial incentives.*

Negotiate national consent decree on behalf of Fortune 5 oil and gas company in federal civil enforcement regarding CAA RMP.*

Representation of one of the world's largest providers of wastewater management solutions in a CWA federal jury trial and client acquittal. *

Representation of engineering firm in criminal investigation into alleged environmental violations under state air regulations and RCRA.*

Representation of one of the world's largest providers of wastewater management solutions in a CWA federal jury trial and client acquittal.

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Rising Star, *DC Super Lawyers*, 2019
- Rising Star, *DC Super Lawyers*, 2020
- Rising Star, *DC Super Lawyers*, 2024