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### Areas of Focus:

- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Water Quality and Water Resources
- Natural Resources

## Overview

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Andrea Wortzel's practice focuses on water quantity and water quality issues, including water rights, water supply planning, and water withdrawal permitting, as well as discharge permitting and TMDL development and implementation. She coordinates a growing and influential stakeholder group focused on water supply issues in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Beyond her water practice, Andrea advises clients on endangered species issues, landfill permitting and compliance, waste permitting, environmental compliance and audit programs and environmental enforcement defense. Andrea also regularly counsels clients on legislative and regulatory strategies to promote her clients' objectives.

## Representative Matters

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- Provided solid waste permitting advice to new and expanding landfill operations.
- Facilitated development of stakeholder group focused on Virginia water supply issues.
- Advised clients in water withdrawal permit proceedings.
- Represented intervenors in litigation regarding water allocation and the Endangered Species Act.
- Counseled clients on environmental regulatory matters.
- Negotiated resolution of enforcement cases.
- Developed strategies for affected stakeholders in federal and state rulemaking proceedings and on legislative matters.
- Developed and implemented environmental audit programs.
- Presented cases for resolution in administrative proceedings.
- Represented dischargers in Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act permit proceedings and appeals involving complex factual and legal issues.
- Obtained critical path environmental permits for projects involving power plants, manufacturing facilities and water and wastewater plants.

- Managed water enforcement actions for primary state environmental agency.
- Advised Chesterfield County Planning Commission on legal matters relating to land use, zoning, and other local government legal issues.

## Related Practices and Industries

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Environmental and Natural Resources

Ecosystem Markets

Natural Resources

Sustainability and Product Stewardship

Water Quality and Water Resources

Contaminated Sites and Waste Management

Environmental Litigation and Enforcement Defense

Pipeline and LNG

## Speaking Engagements

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- Speaker, AWWA Water Resources Committee, Richmond, VA, November 15, 2017.
- Speaker, Virginia Military Institute's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, Lexington, VA, April 5, 2017.
- Speaker, Virginia Military Institute's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, Lexington, VA, April 6-7, 2016.
- Speaker, "Water Update – Federal and State," North Carolina Chamber Environmental Compliance Conference, January 28, 2016.
- Moderator, "Look But Don't Touch: How Water Quality Regulation Affects Water Availability," American Bar Association, Online, January 26, 2016.
- Speaker, "Regional Approaches to Water Supply Management in Virginia", The Virginia Military Institute 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, Lexington, VA, March 31-April 2, 2015.
- Panelist, "Water Reuse and Adaptations for Water Supply Scarcity," The Virginia Military Institute 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, Lexington, VA, April 8-10, 2014.
- Moderator, "Virginia's Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Program: What's Next?" The Virginia Military Institute 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, Lexington, VA, April 8-10, 2014.

## Publications

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- Co-author, "[New rules may affect scope of the ESA](#)," *Daily Journal*, August 22, 2019.
- Co-author, "[High Court Unlikely To Solve ESA Issues In Frog Habitat Case](#)," *Law360*, October 9, 2018.
- Co-author, "Part III, Chapter 9: Major Federal Environmental Laws Affecting Water Rights: Endangered Species Act," *Water Rights and Environmental Regulation: A Lawyer's Guide*, American Bar Association, August 29, 2018.
- Author, "[Energy Versus Water: The Growing Role of Water in Controlling Energy Decisions](#)," *University of Richmond Law Review*, March 2014.

- Co-author, "The Chesapeake Bay TMDL: Managing Our Water Resources – Where Water Quality and Water Quantity Collide," *The Journal of Local Government Law, Virginia State Bar Association*, Fall 2011.

## Professional and Community Involvement

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- General Board Member, VIRGINIAforever, 2018-present
- Board Member, Green Infrastructure Center, 2015-2017
- Member, American Water Works Association, Virginia Chapter, 2003-present
- Chair, Environmental Law Section, Virginia State Bar 2010-2011
- Past Chair, Environmental Law Section, Richmond Bar Association, 2003-2004
- ABA, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

## Rankings and Recognitions

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- Virginia, Environment, *Chambers USA* (2015-2019)
- *Virginia Business* "Legal Elite", Environmental Law (2016, 2019)

## Bar Admissions

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- Virginia

## Court Admissions

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- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

## Education

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- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996
- College of William & Mary, B.A., 1991