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Bio

Joanna Brown Tourangeau is a member of the firm's Environmental and Natural Resources Practice Group and has substantial experience representing commercial, industrial, municipal, and Tribal Nations clients on the full spectrum of environmental, natural resources, and municipal land use issues. With over 20 years of experience practicing in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, Joanna delivers clear, actionable advice on permitting, licensure, compliance, and liability matters in connection with air, water, and solid and hazardous waste regulations and statutes.

Joanna also counsels major industrial clients, such as biofuel refineries and natural gas pipelines, on environmental and land use issues related to construction or expansion of facilities. Recently, Joanna successfully obtained local, state, and federal permits for Nordic Aquafarms – a 60-acre land-based aquaculture facility in Belfast, Maine. This land-based seafood facility allows healthy protein production in a controlled environment using state-of-the-art wastewater treatment technology.

Additionally, Joanna trains and audits facilities in Maine and New Hampshire for compliance with environmental and OSHA requirements including those applicable to air, water, solid waste, hazardous and universal wastes, hazardous materials, safety and health, emergency planning, and community right to know. She also negotiates penalties associated with regulatory notices of violation and administrative complaints.

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate
Energy & Public Utility Law
Environmental & Natural Resources
Municipal Law
Tribal Nations Law

Admissions

Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire

Joanna is a Downeast Mainah whose southern Maine exploits include all things water- skiing, boating, swimming, and island hopping in the summer and all things inland in the dark season.

Education

The National Law Center at George Washington University, J.D., *with honors*, 2000

George Washington University, B.A., 1996

Representative Clients & Matters

- Nordic Aquafarms: Local, state and federal permitting for 60 acre land based aquaculture facility in Belfast, Maine. This project takes the fish out of water to allow production of healthy protein in a controlled environment with state of the art wastewater treatment technology.
- Merrimack, NH: Supporting Town in addressing air, water, and land PFAS issues presented by operations of a significant local business.
- Keene, NH: Supporting the City in NPDES wastewater permitting.
- NECEC: Counseling project opposition to ensure project compliance with applicable environmental statutes and regulations.

Recognition

New England Super Lawyers, Environmental, Land Use/Zoning, Energy & Natural Resources, Rising Star (2010-2014)

Chambers & Partners, USA Guide, *Maine, Environment, Band 2*

Best Lawyers in America – Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental; Energy and Regulatory Law (2021-2026)

Environmental Law “*Lawyer of the Year*” Portland, ME Awarded by Best Lawyers (2023, 2026)

Memberships

American Bar Association

Maine State Bar Association

New Hampshire Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Community/Public Service

Maine Start Up Weekend 2015: Women's Edition

Coach