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Caroline Barker focuses her practice on environmental toxic torts, class action litigation, natural resource damages suits, and CERCLA cost recovery actions.

Caroline's work on groundwater and soil contamination cases in state and federal courts has involved PFAS, VOCs, SVOCs, and heavy metals. Her practice includes working with various types of experts under both the *Daubert* and *Frye* standards, and includes discovery, trial preparation, motions practice, deposition preparation, class certification challenges, expert exclusion, and appellate briefing. She has also prevailed on behalf of pro bono clients in custody and landlord/tenant disputes.

Caroline received her J.D. and her Master of Public Health in Environmental Health, Science & Policy Law from George Washington University Law School, and her undergraduate degree in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She was Senior Articles Editor of the *Federal Circuit Bar Journal* and served as Vice President and then President of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board. Caroline was a finalist in the 2017 Cohen & Cohen Mock Trial Competition.

During law school, Caroline served as a Legal Intern at the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Appellate Section. She also worked at the Chesapeake Legal Alliance where she analyzed construction projects for environmental impact, permit requirements, and potential administrative actions.

When not practicing law, Caroline volunteers with DC127, a program that focuses on family support so that DC children stay out of foster care and connected to their families.

Services

Class Action Defense
Complex Litigation

Environmental
Natural Resource Damages
Products Liability & Toxic Torts

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.S., 2008)
George Washington University Law School (J.D., 2019, M.P.H., 2019)

Admissions

District of Columbia
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Accolades

- *Super Lawyers* Rising Star, Environmental Litigation, 2025
- Capital Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2021-2023
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2019