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At a Glance

Lindsay represents public and private entities in matters involving the California Environmental Quality Act.

She represents clients in pursuing local, state and federal permits, including permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Selected for the San Diego *Daily Transcript* 40 Under 40 List of Young Professionals.

Profile

Lindsay Puckett is a partner in the Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP's San Diego office, focusing on environmental and land use law. She represents dozens of public and private clients in transactional and litigation matters involving the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, endangered species and habitat conservation plans, land use entitlements, conservation easements, alternative energy, coastal development, water issues, hazardous and solid waste, and Native American tribes. From large-scale residential development to complex public infrastructure projects, Lindsay provides personal attention and creative solutions to completing projects while managing risk.

CEQA Compliance

Lindsay has significant experience working with clients and consultants on various types of environmental impact reports, negative declarations,

Areas of Focus

Practices

[California Coastal Act](#)

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addendums and exemptions — from document preparation and the public review process to defending clients against project opponents. She advises clients on environmental documents related to land use and master plans, residential, commercial, and industrial projects, the expansion of a groundwater desalination facility, wastewater and recycled water infrastructure, reservoir improvements, public transit, soil and groundwater remediation, solar development and wireless facilities.

Lindsay guides clients through the complexities of environmental review, such as climate change and tribal cultural resources. She worked on numerous high-profile CEQA litigation matters, including a successful challenge to the expansion of a large landfill in San Diego County and multifaceted settlements allowing projects important to the community to proceed.

Regulatory Approvals

Lindsay aggressively represents clients in pursuing local, state and federal permits, including permits from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Lindsay served as lead attorney for the Joint Water Agencies Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, a partnership between four San Diego County water agencies to address siting, development, maintenance and operation of their water delivery facilities. She advises the City of Santee on rare and endangered species issues in conjunction with its draft Subarea Area Plan as part of the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program.

While in law school, Lindsay participated in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic and received CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Environmental Land Use and Litigation, State and Local Government and Mediation Theory and Practice. Before law school, she studied abroad at the University of Salamanca in Spain. Lindsay is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Central and Southern districts of California, and is licensed to practice law in the State of California.

Education

- Washington University School of Law, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., American literature and culture

Awards

- San Diego *Daily Transcript* 40 Under 40 List of Young Professionals, 2017
- Outstanding Young Attorney, *San Diego Daily Transcript*, 2009

Memberships

- Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment, Regional Team

Leader

- Solana Center for Environmental Innovation in Encinitas, former vice president
- Association of Environmental Professionals
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
- Order of Barristers

Publications

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 21, 2017

New California Coastal Laws for 2018

Development, Accommodations, Sea Rise and Public Access

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 27, 2017

CEQA Compliance for Commercial Cannabis Business Licensing under MAUCRSA

Proposal Open to Comments

LEGAL ALERTS | OCT 11, 2016

California Coastal Act Takes Priority Over Housing Density Laws

Court Decision Provides Guidance for Affordable Housing Units within the Coastal Zone

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | MAR 02, 2015

Development Trend to Circumvent CEQA Through Ballot Initiative Emphasizes Need for Reform

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AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | SEP 05, 2014

California Urban Housing Market Plagued by Higher Rents, Lower Wages, and CEQA

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AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | APR 28, 2014

Court Applies Limitations on Unusual Circumstances Exception to CEQA Categorical Exemptions

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