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Stephen Wald counsels clients on regulatory, litigation and policy matters across the energy and infrastructure industries with a focus on complex environmental, natural resources, pipeline safety and hazardous materials issues. Stephen's experience assisting clients with rulemakings, permitting, litigation and government enforcement and investigations spans across a variety of federal agencies including the US Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), National Transportation Safety Board, Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Stephen has helped clients achieve their strategic and business objectives under a number of federal statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). He also helps clients navigate pipeline safety regulatory compliance matters under the Pipeline Safety Act (PSA), including incident response, integrity management, operations and maintenance, and other regulatory requirements enforced by PHMSA. Stephen's PHMSA experience also includes assisting clients with matters arising under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HTMA) and associated Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR).

During law school, Stephen participated in the University of Virginia School of Law Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic where he handled matters involving NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), CWA and other federal and state environmental laws. He also worked on matters before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

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Credentials

Education

- Vanderbilt University, J.D., 2022
- Seattle Pacific University, B.A., 2018, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Virginia Environmental Law Journal

- Managing Board
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Resources

DC Law in the 2020s: An Interview With Bracewell's DC Summer Associates

Podcast

Offshore Wind Litigation: Court Dismisses Challenge to BOEM's Process to Identify the New York Bight Lease Areas

Blog Post

Department of Energy Seeks Public Input on Implementation of \$760 Million Transmission Siting Grant Program

Blog Post

Publications & Speeches

- "Renewable Energy," American Bar Association, December 17, 2021.