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Rachael's practice focuses on working closely with clients to listen, understand and execute their strategic objectives within the evolving and complex area of environmental and land use permitting and litigation. Rachael assists clients in obtaining local, state and federal environmental permits and is specialized in defending those permits in the courts. Rachael's experience has involved defending sovereignty submerged land authorizations and successfully challenging the location of a new power plant, as well as the environmental compliance of an existing power plant under Florida's Power Plant Siting Act.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar (ELULS), Executive Council, Natural Resources and ELULS Treatise Co-Chair, 2015-present
- The Florida Bar, Member, 2013-present
- University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Natural Resource Leadership Institute, Fellow, 2017-2018
- Sea Turtle Conservancy – Conservation Clinic, Legal Intern, 2012-2013
- Public Interest Environmental Conference, "The Endangered Species Act at 40: Polishing the Crown Jewel" University of Florida Levin College of Law, Finance Chair 2011-2012; Co-Chair 2012-2013
- Division of Administrative Hearings, Legal Intern for Administrative Law Judge Bram Center, 2012
- University of Florida Law's Conflict Resolution Initiative, Outreach Coordinator, 2011-2012

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Judge Declares South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Commits Take Through Modification of Sea Turtle Habitat, co-authored with Frederick L. Aschauer, Jr, August 2017.

PRACTICES

Administrative, Civil and Appellate Litigation

Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Native American Law

INDUSTRIES

Utilities

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida, 2013

Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate, University of Florida, 2013

B.A., cum laude, University of Florida, 2010



- Final Waters of the US Rule Remains Murky, Journal American Water Works Association, June 2015
- The Proposed “Waters of the United States” Rule: Clearer or more confusing? Journal American Water Works Association, September 2014
- Sea Turtle Friendly Lighting: A Model Ordinance for Local Governments and Model Guidelines for Incorporation into Governing Documents of Planned Communities, Condominiums, Cooperatives and Homeowner’s Associations, University of Florida, May 2013

REPRESENTATIVE COURT DECISIONS

- Atlantic Civil, Inc. and the City of Miami v. Florida Power & Light Company and Department of Environmental Protection, DOAH Case No. 15-1746 (2015)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- International and Comparative Environmental Law Book Award, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Sustainable Development Book Award, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Conservation Clinic Book Award, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Capstone Colloquium Book Award, University of Florida Levin College of Law