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Bethany Blakeman focuses her practice on land use, water resources, environmental, and real estate law, counseling clients on compliance and regulatory issues related to the Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbors Act, CERCLA, and other federal real estate laws. With a reputation for thorough analysis, Bethany is a valuable asset in navigating complex legal frameworks at the intersection of environmental protection and infrastructure development.

Bethany previously served as assistant district counsel at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the Baltimore District. At USACE, Bethany focused her practice on legal matters related to USACE's Clean Water Act jurisdiction, including compensatory mitigation; engineering projects, like coastal storm-risk management projects; and environmental remediation, including the Formerly Used Defense Sites program. In addition to her regulatory work, Bethany played an integral role in the USACE's emergency response and disaster recovery operations.

Related Professional Experience

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Assistant District Counsel, 2021-2025
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Contract Staff, 2020-2021
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Crimes Section, Law Clerk, 2020
- University of Miami Environmental Justice Clinic, Intern, 2019-2020
- City of Miami Beach City Attorney's Office, Summer Public Interest Fellow/Summer Law Clerk, 2019

Published Work and Lectures

- *Florida Bar Journal*, Co-Author, "There Will Be Floods: Armoring the People of Florida to Make Informed Decisions on Flood Risk," 2020

Areas of Experience

Real Estate
Environment and Natural Resources
Environmental Litigation
Brownfields Redevelopment
Water Task Force

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2021, cum laude, *International and Comparative Law Review*, Staff Editor
Master of Professional Science, University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Marine Ecosystems and Society, 2021
B.A., Georgetown University, 2016

Admissions

Bars

Florida

- The Miami Climate Symposium, Speaker, “Predicting and Living with Extremes,” February 2020