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MVP: Troutman Pepper's E. Fitzgerald Veira

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E. Fitzgerald Veira, a partner in Troutman Pepper's Environmental + Natural Resources Practice Group, was profiled in the September 29, 2022 *Law360* article, "[MVP: Troutman Pepper's E. Fitzgerald Veira](#)."

It was my biggest accomplishment, not just because of the significance for the client. The state and federal government attorneys are also quite good at their jobs, which made for enormously complex and protracted negotiations. We landed in a good place.

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When the state and federal government has different views you have to convince them your approach makes sense, reasonably protects the environment and gives the outcome they want without compromising your client's position.

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Agencies are not always interested in doing things differently.

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For me, engineers work within the laws of physics, which are not malleable. The practice of law gave me more space to be creative because the rules are malleable.

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My practice has encompassed other areas, but my sweet space is water. I love being in the water and working with companies and clients with environmental water issues. I have always been attracted to water, so that combination is where I belonged.

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I always want to rise to the occasion and not disappoint the trust clients place in us. They come to us to solve difficult problems, which involves a huge element of trust. I never take it for granted. I want them to see that their trust is worthwhile — that is extremely motivating.

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