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OVERVIEW

Brett advises petrochemical facilities, petroleum refineries, midstream, manufacturing, renewable energy, chemical, and landfill companies in Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act enforcement, permitting, litigation, and regulatory compliance matters, including New Source Review and Title V permitting, as well as MACT/NESHAP, NSPS, and Risk Management Plan compliance.

Brett has experience identifying and assessing environmental risks and liabilities, managing transactional due diligence, negotiating with regulatory agencies, litigating complex commercial disputes, securing permits related to project development, and drafting and negotiating contractual provisions.

Brett's Gulf Coast science background gives him unique insight into managing technical experts and data analysis. Before law school, he worked on commercial fishing boats as a fisheries observer in the Bering Sea.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch: Environmental Law (2025-2027); Litigation – Environmental (2026-2027)
- Institute for Energy Law, Hartrick Scholar Writing Award (2016)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Air Quality + Climate Change
- Energy
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Water Quality + Water Resources

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Air Quality + Climate Change
- Chemicals, Pesticides + Product Regulation

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- Contaminated Sites + Waste Management
- Ecosystem Markets
- Energy
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Environmental Due Diligence
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Litigation + Enforcement Defense
- Natural Resources
- PFAS + Emerging Contaminants
- Release Reporting
- Water Quality + Water Resources

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Institute for Energy Law
  - Editor, Energy Law Advisor (2024-2025)
  - Chair, Young Energy Professionals – Law Student Outreach Subcommittee (2023-2024)
  - Co-chair, Young Energy Professionals – Programs Subcommittee (2022-2023)
  - 3rd Leadership Class (2020-2021)
- Board of directors, Texas A&M University School of Law Alumni (2023-2025)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Texas A&M University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2016, articles editor, *Texas A&M Law Review*; Texas A&M Energy Institute ConocoPhillips Fellowship
- Louisiana State University, M.S., 2013, freshwater ecology
- Rhodes College, B.S., 2009, biology; Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame – 2007 baseball team

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Louisiana

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Environmental Challenges in the E&P and Midstream Sectors: Navigating New Regulations and How Air Quality Issues Will be Affected by the New Administration," Troutman Pepper Locke, June 18, 2025.
- Speaker, "Hydrocarbons Not Dead Yet!" Texas A&M 14th Annual Energy Law Symposium, February 14, 2025.
- Speaker, "Air Edition Technical Talk," American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Virtual Seminar, June 2024.
- Speaker, "Top Water Issues for In-House Counsel," Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Environmental Law Practice Group Lunch Seminar, October 2023.
- Speaker, "Managing Environmental Liabilities in Transactions: Risk Mitigation From Due Diligence to Post-Closing," ACC Legal Seminar, December 2022.

- Speaker, “Environmental Justice in EPA Region 6,” B&D Texas Environmental Law Roundtable, November 2022.
- Speaker, “Regulating Groundwater and PFAS: Implications for Hydrologic Connectivity in NC, CA, and TX,” Fate of PFAS Conference, National Ground Water Association, June 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Power Generation, Transmission & Distribution 2025,” *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, August 2025.
- Co-author, “Texas BACT Is a Fact: The Texas Supreme Court Unpacks the Texas Clean Air Act’s BACT Definition,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 20, 2025.
- Co-author, “Environmental Law 2024,” *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, December 22, 2024.
- Co-author, “Environmental Law 2024,” *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, November 28, 2024.
- Author, “Hydraulic Fracturing Interactions With and Implications for Groundwater,” *Regulating Water Security in Unconventional Oil & Gas*, 2020.