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About Britt

Britt Steckman is a versatile trial and enforcement defense lawyer. In her civil litigation practice, Britt represents clients in a wide variety of industries in all stages of civil litigation, arbitrations, and administrative litigation, including appeals. She has represented clients in commercial disputes, litigation relating to large infrastructure projects, and disputes relating to fraud and other business torts, among others. In government enforcement matters, she represents individuals, broker-dealers, municipal advisors, municipal securities issuers, nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, and energy companies, among others. Britt defends these clients in enforcement actions by state and federal authorities; advises on compliance programs and related matters; and conducts internal investigations.

Britt is known for her deep attention to detail and ability to distil complex legal and factual issues for clients and fact-finders alike. She focuses on helping her clients solve their disputes while keeping their overall business objectives in mind.

As a pro bono lawyer, Britt has represented individuals in immigration matters. Britt is also a member of Bracewell's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Recent Notable Matters

Phillips 66 — represented client as intervenor in successful defense of favorable FERC order in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit relating to dispute over access to pipeline (*NGL Supply Wholesale, LLC v. FERC*, 2022 WL 715081 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 25, 2022))

Multiple investment banks — defended various SEC, FINRA, and state attorney general enforcement investigations relating to municipal securities disclosure, trading, and pricing, including continuing disclosure, tender offers, municipal bond “flipping,” and use of the limited offering exemption to Rule 15c2-12

Municipal advisor — defended municipal advisor and two principals in investigation resulting in first SEC action enforcing MSRB Rule G-42 (*In re Paula Permenter*, Release No. 93105 (Sept. 23, 2021))

Westlake Vinyls, Inc. — defense of arbitration regarding allocation of soil and groundwater remediation costs arising from contamination at a chemical manufacturing facility (*PolyOne Corporation v. Westlake Vinyls, Inc.*, 2020 WL 695657 (W.D. Ky. Feb. 11, 2020)); defended a related appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit successfully defending against challenge to validity of the arbitration agreement (*PolyOne Corporation v. Westlake Vinyls, Inc.*, 937 F. 3d 692 (6th Cir. 2019))

NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC — defended challenges to Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications and FERC certificate of public convenience and necessity in federal courts of appeals for the Sixth Circuit and D.C. Circuit

Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. — defended litigation at FERC over claims related to the 2000-2001 California energy crisis, including defense of legal challenge to long-term contract with the State of California

Major energy sector company — successfully defended senior executive in DOJ/SEC investigation into alleged FCPA violations, including responding to Wells notice

City in Southwestern US — successful defense in an SEC enforcement investigation related to disclosure in municipal securities offering

Publications and Speeches

"Non-Federal Infrastructure Projects and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Federal Courts: The Dakota Access and Keystone XL Pipelines," *ABA Infrastructure Magazine*, Vol. 60, No. 2, Winter 2021.

"This Time is Different: What You Need to Know Now about the New Rule 15c2-12 Events," *The Bond Buyer*, August 28, 2018.

"Deadline Near for Passing the Municipal Advisor Qualification Exam," *The Bond Buyer*, July 26, 2017.

"What the SEC is Seeking in Additional Event Disclosures," *The Bond Buyer*, March 9, 2017.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
2010 – *cum laude*

Georgetown University, A.B.
2006 – *magna cum laude*

Noteworthy

Thomson Reuters, *Washington, DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2016 - 2023

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Virginia