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Karen Hansen's environmental law practice focuses on the Clean Water Act and state programs for regulating and permitting water discharges and water supply/use. She has extensive experience assisting industrial and municipal clients in preparing strategies and pursuing water permits for ongoing operations, expansions and new operations, including permit challenges. She also represents clients that must defend CWA and state water law enforcement actions, including claims pursued by governmental as well as third party entities. She recently led a multi-year, complex negotiation of a consent decree for the San Antonio Water System, which was targeted for sewer overflow reductions under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national wet weather enforcement initiative. She advises clients on business strategies related to increasing water scarcity, and counsels clients on emerging trends in water quality programs, including initiatives such as watershed-based permitting, TMDLs, trading and allocation, and land-based impacts on coastal and ocean resources. She also has extensive experience assisting clients with conducting compliance audits and managing related disclosures, and with developing and implementing management systems for environmental compliance.

In addition to serving as a frequent speaker, writer and planner for a variety of environmental law and policy programs, Ms. Hansen has served in elected and appointed roles on numerous state bar and American Bar Association committees and task forces. She serves on the firm's Management Committee, Co-Chairs the Water Law Practice, and Chairs the Diversity Committee.

Ms. Hansen received her JD from the University of Texas School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Review of Litigation*, and her BA in Business and Economics from Trinity University (*cum laude*). She has received Certificates in Executive and Transformational Leadership at the Georgetown University Center for Professional Development.