

Catherine M. Ward

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Catherine Ward has spent much of her practice helping clients understand the complexities of regulations at the intersection of science and law. Her focus is on simplifying complex issues and multi-disciplinary projects into workable components, and then creating the necessary framework to accomplish her clients' goals. With experience as a chemist and environmental consultant, she brings a unique perspective to assist companies – who are navigating often conflicting legal scenarios – in identifying opportunities and advantages. Cathy also has over a decade of experience in owning and operating industrial real estate, which gave her an understanding of and appreciation for the practical implications of legal issues. Her goal in every representation is not only to solve the problem presented, but to identify and facilitate the most cost-effective and beneficial means of doing so.

RESULTS

- represented the **Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** with a redevelopment project in Stone Harbor, New Jersey
- represented **DotCom Distribution** in its acquisition by Ryder, System, Inc.
- assisted Philadelphia-area refiner in preparing public comments to EPA's Denial of Request for Rulemaking concerning the Renewable Fuel Standards and RINs impacts
- represented a New Jersey township in the acquisition, investigation and remediation of 17 contiguous parcels and assisted in the procurement of several million dollars in grants for the redevelopment of the site
- represented a national energy company in the acquisition of a natural-gas-fueled 163MW co-generation facility
- assisted a building and development company in the conversion of two abandoned city blocks of industrial land into a multiuse development in a suburb of Philadelphia
- worked with a Philadelphia excavation business to convert an abandoned landfill into their corporate headquarters
- acted as environmental and energy counsel to a New Jersey municipality involving the investigation and remediation of over 20 brownfields sites, negotiation of redevelopment agreements, quieting title to 12 orphan alleys to enable redevelopment of city blocks, and negotiation of a contract for a 1MW solar project on a municipal building

FOCUS

Environmental
Energy & Regulatory
Transactional Real Estate
Zoning & Land Use
Real Estate
Government & Public Affairs
Education
Food & Beverage
Environmental, Social & Governance
Nonprofit & Religious Organizations

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
Pennsylvania

COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law - Camden
B.S., Saint Joseph's University

MEMBERSHIPS

Past Chair, Environmental Section, New Jersey Bar Association
Chair, Board of the Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation
Past President, Women's Energy Network – Greater Philadelphia Chapter
First Chairperson and Co-Founder, Sustainable Moorestown (2012-2016)
Stradley Ronon Technology Committee



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- represented a regional waste management company in the expansion of a transfer station in New Jersey
- worked with a scrap metal company to obtain expedited permitting to allow an auto shredder/automated material separator in New Jersey to begin operations
- assisted an e-commerce fulfillment company in the expansion of their fulfillment services operations in two locations in New Jersey
- represented a food manufacturer in relocating and constructing a manufacturing facility and through two expansions
- acted as environmental counsel to a major university in the remediation and sale of assets which had been contaminated by a prior owner
- represented **Camden Area Health Educations Centers, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization providing AIDS and HIV counseling and related services to needy communities in Camden, for more than 25 years
- represented a private Philadelphia university in general corporate and real estate matters
- secured tax exemptions for regional Catholic health care organization and diocesan entities, as well as educational and community nonprofit entities, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- assisted the health care arm of a large university to address environmental remediation issues in the context of selling a hospital complex
- negotiated the satisfactory resolution of an OSHA claim on behalf of a religious institution operating numerous cemeteries in New York

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "South Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment," PSEG Workshop
- Panelist, "Creative Uses of Real Estate," Annual Meeting of the National Diocesan Attorneys Association
- Panelist, "Ethical Implications of ESG," New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Environmental Law Forum
- Moderator, "Social Governance and Green Investing," New Jersey State Bar Association's Environmental Law Forum
- Panelist, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Brownfields Roundtable
- Panelist, "Women in Environmental Justice," co-hosted by the Society of Women Environmental Professionals New Jersey Chapter, New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Association, and Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast
- Moderator, "Innovate South Jersey: Gaming and Hospitality," Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey
- Moderator, "Innovate South Jersey: Breweries and Wineries," Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey

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- Presenter, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Education Environmental Law Webinar
- Panelist, “Real Estate 201: Planning for the Future,” Resource Center for Religious Institutes’ National Conference
- Moderator, “South Jersey Real Estate Market, Business Climate, and More!” 6th Annual Future of South Jersey Conference
- Moderator, “Infrastructure as a Catalyst to Redevelopment,” Risk Management Technologies’ Sustainable Property and Asset-Based Transactions CLE Conference
- Speaker, “Annual Review of Environmental Law,” New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- Speaker, “Introduction to Environmental Law,” New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- Panelist, “Welcome to the Profession: Practical Tips for New Lawyers,” Rutgers School of Law - Camden and the New Jersey State Bar Association
- Moderator, “Brownfield Success Stories: Imagination and Creativity in Urban Change,” Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast’s Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop
- Chair of Advisory Panel and Moderator, RE3 Conference, 2012-2017
- Panelist, “Update on the Site Remediation Program,” NJ Bar Association’s 2015 Environmental Law Forum
- Panelist, “Intro to Brownfields Finance Course,” Council of Development Finance Agencies
- Moderator, “Government Assistance for Brownfields/Redevelopment Projects,” RE3 Conference
- Presenter, “Green Innovations at City, State & Federal Levels,” NJ/PA Sustainability Symposium
- Panelist, “Ethics in LSRP World,” Environmental Law Forum
- Panelist, “Northeast Sustainable Communities,” John Jay College

RECOGNITIONS

- The Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia, Touchstone Award
- Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, recognized in environmental law in New Jersey
- *SJ Magazine*, “Top Attorney” in Brownfields Law
- *South Jersey Biz*, Best Attorneys in Business
- New Jersey Super Lawyers
- Camden Area Health Education Centers, Inc., Pro Bono Award for 15 years of service
- *The Best Lawyers in America*

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PUBLICATIONS

- Task Force, New Jersey Developers' Green Infrastructure Guide
- Co-author, OSHA Enforcement of Grave Excavations, Catholic Cemetery Magazine, January, 2017

IN THE COMMUNITY

Cathy is a founding member and was the first chairperson of Sustainable Moorestown, which received a Silver Certification through the Sustainable Jersey program within its first two years of existence. She was also a township-appointed member of the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee. For her extensive involvement in community activities, Cathy received an official proclamation from Moorestown Township Council declaring February 9, 2015, a day to honor Cathy's contributions to the town. Cathy has also served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations.

The logo for Stradley Ronon, featuring the name "STRADLEY" in a serif font above "RONON" in a larger serif font. A stylized "SR" monogram is positioned between the two names.