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Dorothy E. Watson is a partner and business law attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP. She is also a member of the firm's Environmental Practice and Energy and Manufacturing Industry Teams.

Dorothy has worked with clients on a wide range of environmental matters, including compliance counseling, rulemaking, permitting, site remediation, brownfield redevelopment, corporate transactions, and litigation matters. Her experience extends to matters under Superfund, RCRA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, TSCA, FIFRA, MSHA, and OSHA, as well as state environmental regulations. Dorothy has significant experience with chemical and product stewardship regulations and has provided clients with advice on both domestic and foreign compliance matters. She has advised both privately held and publicly traded companies in addition to municipalities and public utilities.

Dorothy has additional experience in the areas of land development, real estate, and municipal law. Her work in these areas has often involved the review of land titles, surveys, development plans, drafting and negotiation of purchase agreements, and crafting of municipal ordinances.

In addition to her legal experience at Foley, Dorothy served as in-house environmental counsel for the global leader in oilfield technology and services. In this capacity, Dorothy provided counsel on environmental matters worldwide, including matters related to chemical regulatory compliance and oilfield-specific regulations.

Prior to joining Foley, Dorothy worked as an associate executive director at Association Management Service Partners, Inc., and a director of programs/communications for Total Association Management Services, Inc. In these positions, she worked with professional associations in the hospitality, legal, and medical fields. While attending law school, Dorothy served as a federal judicial intern for the Honorable James S. Moody and the Honorable Elizabeth A. Jenkins.

Awards and Recognition

- Recognized, “40 Under 40,” *Orlando Business Journal* (2013)
- Recipient, Stephens/Register Memorial Award, Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Recipient, New Attorney Award of Excellence, Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (2012)

Presentations and Publications

- Co-presenter, “PFAS: From Here to Eternity,” 36th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference (August 2, 2024)

Sectors

- [Environmental & Product Stewardship](#)
- [Equipment & Industrial Product Manufacturing](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Racial Justice & Equity](#)

Practice Areas

- [Corporate](#)
- [Environmental](#)
- [Environmental, Social, and Governance \(ESG\)](#)

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., with honors)
 - Awarded the book award in legal writing
- Harvard University (B.A., with honors)
 - National Merit Scholar
 - Stride Rite Scholar

Admissions

- Florida
- Texas