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Sara Johnson represents national- and state-based trade associations in the ecological restoration and mitigation industry. She advises clients on their policy priorities, strategic planning and association governance – specifically on regulatory and legislative developments pertinent to environmental markets and natural resource permitting, primarily related to wetland, stream, species and water quality offsets.

Sara further represents clients in environmental market due diligence, real estate transactions, including leasing, financing and acquisition deals. She also has handled matters relating to zoning and permitting challenges.

## INSIGHTS

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### PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "How the Forthcoming Species Mitigation Rule May Influence Private Investment in Species Biodiversity," *Natural Resources & Environment*, Fall 2023, Volume 38, Number 2

Co-Author, "Biden Administration Finalizes Updated WOTUS Rule," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.30.2023

Co-Author, "UPDATE: Agencies Announce Intent to Issue Final WOTUS Rule by September 1st," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.21.2023

Co-Author, "U.S. Supreme Court Limits Federal Jurisdiction Over Wetlands," *Nossaman eAlert*, 06.01.2023

Co-Author, "Mobilizing Private Capital for Large-scale Ecological Restoration and Conservation: Insights from the U.S. Experience," *Financing Investment in Water Security: Recent Developments and Perspectives*, 05.01.2022

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Dirt in the Ditches: A Practical Look at How the *Sackett* Decision Affects WOTUS Permitting Nationwide," Nossaman Webinar, 03.26.2024

Speaker, "National and State Policy Update," National Mitigation and Environmental Markets Conference, Jacksonville, FL, 05.11.2023

Speaker, "The Time It Takes for Restoration," Environmental Policy Innovation Center and Ecological Restoration Business Association, 04.03.2023

Speaker, "Policy Perspectives from CalERBA," California Society for Ecological Restoration, 05.12.2022

Panelist and Moderator, "Legal, Legislative and Policy Updates," National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, 05.05.2022

Moderator, "Banks and In-Lieu Fees: Commonalities, Differences and Challenges," National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference, 07.21.2021

## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

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California Ecological Restoration Business Association, Executive Director  
Ecological Restoration Business Association, Executive Director

## PRACTICES

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Environment & Land Use  
Government Relations & Regulation  
Real Estate  
Water Law

## INDUSTRIES

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Government & Public Sector  
Water

## EDUCATION

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University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.; Articles Development Editor, *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*  
University of Richmond, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

## ADMISSIONS

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Virginia  
California