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Main Bio

Farris Gillman focuses her practice in natural resources, water and energy law. She has experience helping clients obtain, maintain or transfer both state and federal environmental permits. Farris has done extensive work in assessing clients' exposure to liability in purchasing real estate and undertaking remedial actions. She also has helped clients prepare for litigation in cost recovery actions and insurance defense to recapture lost costs.

Farris advises clients in assessing their existing water rights, as well as water rights under consideration for acquisition. She has helped clients register and transfer wells, and has a working knowledge of CAP allocations, long-term water storage credits and the general stream adjudications within Arizona.

In energy law, Farris has appeared before the administrative law judge at the Arizona Corporation Commission to assist utility clients in the process of obtaining their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity. She has advised clients on line siting statutes, as well as reviewing and helping draft and negotiate contracts relating to the maintenance, operation or sale of various power plants across the state.

Education

- Notre Dame Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2017)
 - Senior Editor, Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy
 - Dean's Honor Roll
 - Faculty Award for Excellence: Natural Resources Law
 - Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Program of Study in Land Use, Energy and Environmental Law
 - Environmental Law Society, President
 - Study Abroad: Notre Dame Law School Program in London, England
- Yale University (B.S., Astronomy & Physics and Political Science, 2013)
 - Yale Women in Physics
 - SAE Hybrid Car Team
 - Study Abroad: Harvard/Ca'Foscari Program in Venice, Italy

Languages

- Spanish

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Maricopa County Bar Association
 - Environmental & Natural Resources Section, Secretary (2017-2018)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Log It or Lose It: New Economic Opportunities Open as the Forest Service Changes Its Management Tactics in Northern Arizona](#)," Co-Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Blog (October 22, 2019)
- "Supreme Court Declines to Review Decision Preventing New Uranium Mines Near Grand Canyon," Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Blog (October 25, 2018)
- "FERC to Consider Updating PURPA: May Signal Big Changes Without New Legislation," Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Blog (May 25, 2018)
- "Industry, NGOs, Republicans, and Democrats Bond over Chemistry," Co-Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Blog (June 24, 2016)
- "Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling Regulation in the Arctic," Author, Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics, and Public Policy, Student Note (May 2016)
- "Evaluating the Orbital Parameters of UW LMI: Light Curves and Radial Velocities of Binary Stars - The World of PHOEBE," Author, Astronomy and Physics Thesis (May 2013)
- "Fatality Curves - A Neoteric Tool to Classify War Using Fatalities vs. Time," Author, Political Science Thesis (December 2012)

Community Involvement

- Yale Alumni Association of Phoenix, Vice President
- Volunteer Lawyers Program
- APS Wills for Veteran Heroes Clinic
- VITA
- Grand Canyon Youth, Trip Coordinator
- Lowell Observatory, Navajo-Hopi Astronomy Outreach Program Organizer and Docent

Other Professional Experience

- Notre Dame Law School, Research Assistant to Professor John Nagle (2015-2017)
- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2016)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona