

## Dorothy “Dottie” E. Watson

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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. She leads the Sustainability and Product Stewardship group within the Manufacturing Industry team.

Dorothy has worked in a broad array of areas of environmental law, including enforcement defense, 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, PHMSA, MSHA, and OSHA, as well as state environmental regulations. Dorothy has significant experience with chemical and product stewardship laws 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 routinely helps companies to understand their obligations under rules regarding PFAS under both state and federal law. She has advised clients on PFAS enforcement matters under TSCA and has been a key part of a team which successfully challenged EPA's application of TSCA significant new use rules to an industrial client. She also worked with a client to successfully intervene in an early water resource suit against a PFAS manufacturer.

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.

### **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)

### **Sectors**

- Sustainability & Product Stewardship
- Manufacturing
- Energy
- Consumer Products

## Practice Areas

- Environmental
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)
- Hazardous Materials

## Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., with honors)
- Harvard University (A.B., with honors)
  - Degree in Environmental Science & Public Policy
  - National Merit Scholar
  - Stride Rite Scholar

## Admissions

- Florida
- Texas