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Lillian Mateo-Santos is a Senior Member in our Environmental, Energy & Land Use Practice Group.

Practice Areas

Environmental Law, Energy & Land Use

Energy

Environmental Law & Litigation

Land Use

Education

Tulane University School of Law, L.L.M. in Energy and Environmental Law with distinction, 1999

University of Puerto Rico School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996

University of Puerto Rico, B.B.A. in Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, 1993

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit

She had a substantial role in the drafting process of Puerto Rico's Permits Process Reform Act of 2009, bringing major changes to Puerto Rico's permitting processes. Her significant experience in this complex field, enables her to counsel clients on a vast array of permitting and land use matters, including industrial, tourism, commercial and residential development projects, and matters concerning the environmental impact review process (i.e., Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements).

Lillian has extensive experience providing counseling to clients on environmental law, energy, and regulatory and government affairs matters under the federal and state legal frameworks. In addition to regulatory compliance matters, as part of her practice, she represents clients in enforcement actions brought pursuant to local and federal environmental laws and regulations, including, among others, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

In the energy law area, Lillian provides counseling to clients in the planning, environmental impact review process, siting and permitting phases of sustainable and renewable energy projects, including waste-to-energy, solar and wind power projects.

Her practice also includes counseling on permitting and environmental due diligence in connection with business transactions including, among others, mergers and acquisitions of industrial, commercial and tourism related properties.

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Representative clients include developers of renewable energy projects, petroleum products wholesalers, retailers, manufacturing and pharmaceutical companies and lending institutions.

Representative Cases or Transactions

- Lillian played a significant role in the negotiation and execution of a Waste Agreement for the Energy Facility to be built in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, a state-of-the-art facility to be constructed with an investment of approximately \$800 MM.

Publications

- International Comparative Legal Guide to Environment & Climate Change Law 2015 (Puerto Rico),” with Jorge San Miguel, published by Global Legal Group Ltd., London.
- Statistical Analysis, Mateo-Santos Lillian and George-Iguina, Carlos E., University of Puerto Rico Law Journal, Vol. 64, No. 4 (1995).

Speaking Engagements

- *Panelist, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, Energy Forum 2016 – PR Energy Crisis: Energy Efficiency facing a New Energy Fee, March 16, 2016.*
- *“Introduction to Solid Waste Integrated Management Systems: Functional and Legal Aspects,” PR College of Engineers and Surveyors, May 1, 2015*

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- Solid Waste Association of North America, PR – Caribbean Chapter (SWANA-PRC)
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association, Environmental and Energy Committees
- Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, Energy and Water and Legislative Affairs Committees
- Association of Renewable Energy Producers (APER)
- Interamerican Association of Sanitary Engineers and Environmental Sciences – PR Chapter (AIDIS-PR) (Asociación Interamericana de Ingeniería Sanitaria y Ciencias del Ambiente)

Professional Recognition

- Lillian has been recognized in the 2015 Latin America Edition of Chambers & Partners as Notable Practitioner. Chambers notes that she “benefits from almost 20 years of experience in the field and enjoys the respect of sources, who describe her as a ‘powerhouse of knowledge on permitting who is very precise, reliable and responsive.’”