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Ana Schwab is a member of BBK's Environmental & Natural Resources Law practice group. She represents local communities, special districts, and stakeholders on matters related to water, wastewater, environmental and infrastructure issues, as well as natural disaster mitigation, response, and recovery. Ana draws on her years of experience in government, advocacy, and law to partner with clients to work with a variety of federal agencies and to secure federal funding opportunities. Ana tracks, advances, and guides the development of legislative and regulatory language to build solutions for clients through proactive and strategic engagement. She also operates across the nexus of legal, policy, funding, and regulatory processes to advance and protect clients' goals.

Accomplishments include playing an instrumental role in the passage of land transfer legislation and amendments to legislation regarding primary water and infrastructure funding and regulatory policy, as well as other pieces of legislation and amendments. Additionally, Ana secured federal funding for water, wastewater and recycling projects. She works with key stakeholders on developing funding and infrastructure solutions for cross-border water pollution.

Before joining Best Best & Krieger LLP, Ana served as a legislative coordinator and legislative assistant at two national law firms. She also served as professional staff for two members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Accolades

- IMLA Amicus Service Award, 2025
- DCA Live, Emerging Women Leaders in Law, 2024

Professional & Community Involvement

- International Bar Association, Officer, Water Law Committee
- National Water Resources Association, Water Quality Task Force
- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Board Member

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CORE PRACTICES

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Government Affairs

Municipal Law

Special Districts

Water

Water Quality

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Georgetown University School of Law, J.D.

University of Vermont, B.A.

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

- Pickerel-Crooked Lake Association, Board Member
- Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Trustee
- Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund, Board Member
- American Civics Campaign at the Richard Nixon Foundation – Finance Committee
- Monticello – Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Cabinet Co-Chair (2022-2024)

Thought Leadership

Publications

- Quoted in “PFAS in Fertilizer From Sewage Spurs State Control Efforts,” *Bloomberg Law*, May 1, 2025
- Quoted in “Supreme Court Clips EPA Wings on Generic Permits Meant to Keep Sewage Out of San Francisco Bay,” *Courthouse News Service*, March 7, 2025
- “Forever Chemicals Now Subject to Hazardous Designation Under Superfund,” *Reuters*, May 24, 2024

Presentations

- “Update on PFAS and Drinking Water,” 34th Annual Oregon Water Law Conference, The Seminar Group, Oct. 24, 2025
- “Legal Considerations for Federal Funding Challenges,” National Association of Counties Webinar, Sept. 8, 2025
- “In-Conversation: From Coast to Coast: How the U.S. is Scaling Water Reuse,” IDRA High-Level Seville Colloquium on Resilient Water Solutions, June 2, 2025
- “Federal Appropriations and Executive Authority,” International Municipal Lawyers Association Mid-Year Seminar, Apr. 26, 2025
- “Federal Policy Update,” WaterReuse Symposium, March 17, 2025
- “Executive Actions & Local Governments: A Legal Perspective,” National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, March 10, 2025
- “Evolving Legal Landscape: Implications for Water Providers,” Association of California Water Agencies, Washington D.C., Feb. 25, 2025
- “WaterReuse 2025 Policy Outlook,” WaterReuse Association, Jan. 2025
- “PFAS and Emerging Contaminants,” International Bar Association, Sept. 2024
- “PFAS = More Risks + More Money (and Where to Find the Dollars),” International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Sept. 26, 2024
- “Safe Drinking Water Act at 50,” California Lawyers Association Annual Environmental Law Conference, Sept. 13, 2024
- “Water Challenges in Developing Green Hydrogen Projects, Including Desalination and Treated Wastewater,” International Bar Association, Apr. 2024
- “Federal Priorities Panel,” Association of California Water Agencies, Washington D.C., Feb. 27, 2024
- “2024 Water Reuse Policy Outlook,” WaterReuse WebCast, Jan. 17, 2024
- “New Supplies: Developing Alternatives to Address Water Scarcity,” International Bar Association, Nov. 2023
- “Navigating the PFAS Lawsuits: From Litigation to Compensation,” Association of California Water Agencies, Nov. 30, 2023
- “Litigation Update,” National Water Resources Association Annual Conference and Leadership Forum, Nov. 8, 2023

- “Navigating the Agriculture/Urban Interface,” International Bar Association, Oct. 2023
- “PFAS Hazardous Chemical Designation,” US Conference of Mayors Water Council Meeting, Oct. 19, 2023
- “PFAS Update,” Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys and the Government Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Summer Education Conference, Jun. 24, 2023
- “PFAS, It’s Such a Hot Topic, It’s Toxic!” International Municipal Lawyers Association’s Mid-Year Seminar, WONK Breakfast, Apr. 23, 2023
- “PFAS,” Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention Workshop, Jan. 25, 2023
- “Federal Purse Strings: Best Practices for the Uniform Guidance and Beyond,” International Municipal Lawyers Association’s Annual Conference, WONK Breakfast, Oct. 21, 2022
- “Supreme Court Hears Arguments Challenging EPA Regulatory Authority over Waters of the United States (WOTUS),” The United States Conference of Mayors, Water Council, Oct. 14, 2022
- “Regulatory Status of PFOS/PFOA: EPA Proposes to Declare a Hazardous Waste,” The United States Conference of Mayors, Water Council, Oct. 14, 2022
- “Federal Funding Opportunities: Update on Congressional Appropriations and Biden Administration Distribution Plans; An Inside The Beltway Perspective On Prospects For Additional Water Infrastructure Funding,” Law Seminars International Seminar, Water Infrastructure Development Funding, Groundwater Sustainability Implementation in California, July 29, 2022
- “Water in Washington Panel,” Association of California Water Agencies, Washington D.C. Water Conference, July 13, 2022
- “Spending Uncle Sam’s Money: A How-To Guide For Local Procurement When Using Federal Funding,” California Lawyers Association Public Law Section Webinar, June 23, 2022
- “Virtual Roundtable Discussion on Federal Funding,” Association of California Water Agencies Webinar, June 15, 2022
- “Environmental Regulation and Implementation,” Federal Water Issues Conference, National Water Resources Association, May 9, 2022
- “Roundtable Discussion - Accessing Federal Funding,” Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference, May 4, 2022
- “Creative Strategies for American Rescue Plan Act Funds,” International Municipal Lawyers Association’s Mid-Year Seminar, Apr. 9, 2022
- “American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Key Implementation, Compliance and Reporting Guidelines,” BBK Webinar, Sept. 14, 2021
- “Now That You Have ARPA Funds – What’s Next?” BBK Webinar, June 23, 2021
- “Inside Washington,” 89th Annual Virtual Conference, National Water Resources Association, Nov. 12, 2020
- “Tax Reform: What D.C.’s Actions Could Mean for Public Agencies,” BBK Webinar, Nov. 1, 2017
- “There’s a Lot Going on in Water Quality Law!” California Stormwater Quality Association’s 13th Annual Conference, Sept. 25, 2017