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Samuel Johnson is an associate in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Environmental and Natural Resources Law practice group. For his undergraduate career, Samuel studied Environmental Economics at the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability. He continued studying the intersection of economics, the environment, and the law during law school, where he served as the Vice President of Southwestern's Environmental Law Society. His work in water quality began during his clerkship with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, where he was tasked with analyzing state and federal regulatory and legal developments concerning emerging contaminants.

Since joining BBK, Samuel's work has focused on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including 3M and DuPont drinking water settlements. In addition, he handles Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and other water quality issues for Cities and Special Districts across California.

When he isn't working, Samuel enjoys birdwatching with his kids, playing basketball, and watching Big Ten sports.

Accolades

- Moot Court, 2023 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regional Best Brief Award

CORE PRACTICES

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Water

Municipal Law

Government Affairs

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Southwestern Law School, J.D.

University of Michigan, B.S.,
environmental economics

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court Central District
of California

Thought Leadership

Publications

- “New Regulations to Cement Conservation as a 'California Way of Life',” Daily Journal, Aug. 22, 2024
- “Relatively(im)permanent: The ever-changing scope of the Clean Water Act,” ABA’s Trends, January 2024
- “The Fifth Circuit Tosses Corps’ Derelict Environmental Assessment,” California Water Law Reporter, January 2024