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Miriam E. Villani is a partner with Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC and heads the firm's Environment, Energy, and Resources Practice Group. Her practice focuses on all aspects of environmental law, including litigation, transactional matters, permitting, and regulatory and compliance proceedings.

Villani represents and advises developers, corporations, municipalities, buyers, sellers, and lenders in transactions involving brownfields and other contaminated properties. She also represents clients in environmental litigation in both federal and state courts and before administrative agencies.

Villani has been following the policy changes as they are being made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the current administration.

"The agency recently has rolled back a significant number of regulations and programs that were intended to protect our air and water quality," Villani said. "In addition, since taking office, the president has taken steps to save and bolster the coal and the fossil fuel industries; allowed offshore drilling in protected waters and fracking on environmentally sensitive land; and pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Accord. It is necessary to understand how these policies will impact the progress made in environmental protection over the last few decades in order to advise SWC's diverse groups of clients."

Villani began her legal career as an assistant regional counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She was counsel with environmental law practice groups at two prominent Long Island law firms, and was special environmental counsel to a global pharmaceutical company where she managed complex environmental insurance litigation.

In 2016 and 2017, Villani was selected to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list in the practice area of environmental law.

Villani presented a Continuing Legal Education course "Completing a Successful Transaction Involving Contaminated Property" at the New York State Bar Association's Basics of Environmental Law 2018 seminar.

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