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Expertise

- Business Law
- Environmental Law

Bar Admissions

- 2003, Michigan

Education

- A.B., Harvard University and Radcliffe College, *magna cum laude in Government*, 1998
- M.Sc., University of Oxford, 1999
- M.St., University of Oxford, 2000
- J.D., Georgetown University, *magna cum laude*, 2003

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- Admitted to the practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- Admitted to practice before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Civic and Community Involvement

- President, Harvard Club of Eastern Michigan
- Council Member, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Honors

- Rhodes Scholar (Keble and Idaho 1998)
- Order of the Coif, Georgetown University
- Harvard College Women's Leadership Award

Recent Publications

- “Congress’ Pet: Why the Clean Air Act’s Favoritism of California is Unconstitutional under the Equal Footing Doctrine,” *Hastings West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law & Policy* (Winter 2007)
- “No Second Class States: Why the California Exceptions in the Clean Air Act Are Unconstitutional,” *Environmental Law Reporter News & Analysis* (August 2006)
- “Shell Games: Vicarious Liability for State and Local Governments for Insufficiently Protective Regulations Under the ESA (Endangered Species Act),” *Natural Resources Law Journal* (2005)
- Co-Author, “The Limits of Erosion Modeling: or why we should proceed with care,” chapter in *Landscape Erosion and Evolution Modeling* (2002)
- “Blueprint for a Phased TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load),” presented and published at 2002 National Defense Industrial Association Environmental & Energy Symposium & Exhibition
- “Complying with Surface Water Regulations Through Pollution Prevention,” presented and published at 2001 Joint Services Pollution Prevention and Hazardous Waste Management Conference

Biography

Ms. Brader is a member of the [Business](#) and [Environmental](#) Groups. She represents clients involved in a variety of matters including corporate organization, mergers and acquisitions and other commercial transactions. Before joining Bodman, Ms. Brader clerked for the Hon. John Feikens, U.S. District Court. She also worked as a senior environmental consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading consulting company based in McLean, Virginia, and for Governor Phil Batt of Idaho as an environmental policy aide.