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Kathleen M. Mannard is an Associate Attorney at Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky. Ms. Mannard works primarily in the areas of litigation and the public/non-profit sector, with a focus in municipal law and land use.

Ms. Mannard came onboard as a full-time member of the SMGG team after working as a summer associate with the firm in 2019. Prior to her summer position, Ms. Mannard worked in Washington, D.C. with the Department of Justice and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She also did extensive work within Pennsylvania with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Ms. Mannard graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in May 2020 with a specialized area of study in Environmental & Energy Law. Ms. Mannard also worked as a Research Assistant for the law school's Legal Analysis and Writing course.

As part of her commitment to environmental and municipal law, Ms. Mannard's paper "Lake Erie Bill of Rights Struck Down: Why the Rights of Nature Movement is a Nonviable Legislative Strategy for Municipalities Plagued by Pollution" (published in the January 2021 Buffalo Environmental Law Journal) addresses the rising "rights of nature" grassroots movement in municipalities and the movement's mission to grant legal rights to natural ecosystems as a means to reduce pollution.

Ms. Mannard gives her time to Our Clubhouse, an organization committed to helping families living with cancer. In her spare time, Ms. Mannard enjoys exploring museums, volunteering, antique shopping and reading.

Practice Areas

- Public/Non-Profit
- Litigation
- Oil and Gas
- Education

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2020
- B.A., University of Pittsburgh, *magna cum laude*, 2017

Professional Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Our Clubhouse