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“I apply my passion for learning to deeply understand clients’ industries and their legal needs in order to provide high-quality work product and legal advice. I advocate zealously to achieve clients’ goals while maintaining professionalism, integrity, and decency.”

Brett Palmer is an associate on the firm’s environmental team. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, and his experience includes supporting client intake/investigation, conducting legal research, drafting pleadings, managing discovery and motion practice, supporting hearings, and reaching dispute resolution. Clients benefit from Brett’s natural curiosity and his aptitude to quickly understand an organization’s business priorities and then use this knowledge to successfully navigate legal challenges.

Prior to joining Miller Nash, Brett worked as an attorney with the California Public Utilities Commission where he handled a variety of cases including ratesetting for water and telecommunications utilities, investigations and citations against major electric utilities, and safety enforcement matters against railroad utilities. Brett also led the Commission’s Interagency Solar Consumer Protection Taskforce. In this capacity, Brett helped to enact California’s 2022 rooftop solar regulatory reforms and advised electric utilities, rooftop solar providers, and solar industry associations on compliance with these reforms, and coordinated with other California state agencies, including the California State Licensing Board and the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation to implement and enforce the reforms.

Publications

- “CARB Adopts Initial Regulations for SB 253 and SB 261: What Businesses Need to Know Now,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Mar. 2026)
- “CARB Eases 2026 Climate Disclosure Enforcement: SB 261 Enforcement Stayed and SB 253 Schedule Clarified,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Dec. 2025)
- “Where CARB Stands on California’s SB 253 & SB 261,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Oct. 2025)

Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2021

- Environmental Law & Sustainability Clinic
- Veterans Legal Clinic
- Fiske Fellow
- Cohn Fellows
- Recipient, SFF Grant
- Dean’s Scholarship
- Managing Editor, *Michigan Journal of Environmental & Administrative Law*
- Member, President’s Commission on Carbon Neutrality
- Member, First Generation Law Students
- Member, OutLaws

B.A., University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, with honors, public policy, 2016

- Stamps Scholar

Bar Admissions

California, 2022

Languages

Spanish

- “California Climate Disclosure Laws Will Go Into Effect Before California Air Resources Board Finalizes Regulations,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Jun. 2025)
- “SB 219 Makes Important Changes to California’s Climate Disclosure Laws,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Oct. 2024)

Personal Activities

Brett enjoys trail running, collecting classic novels, and leather crafting. He also owns Pulpo Papercraft, a small business focused on restoration, reuse, and binding of antique books.