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Practice Focus

Class Actions/Mass Actions/MDLs

Environmental

Governmental Securities Litigation

Insurance Coverage

Lender Liability

Real Estate Litigation

Securities and Antitrust

About

Blair Schilling represents clients in a wide range of commercial matters in federal and state court, with a concentration in environmental law.

“She is an excellent lawyer.” —Environment: Litigation Client, *Chambers and Partners*

Blair’s environmental practice spans coastal erosion and restoration, land contamination, land use, clean water, asset retirement, brownfield site cleanup and redevelopment, regulatory and permitting matters, and expropriation issues. In doing this work, Blair represents state government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private companies and individuals, including the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Environmental Defense Fund, the National Wildlife Federation, the Natural Resource Defense Council, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Orleans Audubon Society, Pontchartrain Conservancy, Restore the Mississippi River Delta, and many private landowners. The goal of her environmental practice is to make Louisiana more resilient and encourage future sustainable economic growth in the region.

Blair represents landowners throughout Louisiana against some of the oil and gas industry's largest operators for land loss, oilfield contamination, erosion, and groundwater contamination. Because the cases she handles are highly technical and require a great deal of scientific and operational understanding, Blair is known for immersing herself in the complicated aspects of these matters, as well as for her keen ability to steer her cases in a strategic and effective manner to achieve the overarching goal of the litigation.

Blair was a member of the five-day trial team for Fishman Haygood's seminal coastal land loss case, *Vintage Assets Inc. v. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., et al.*, which set a course for the restoration of coastal wetlands that surround pipelines. The team obtained favorable injunctive relief against pipeline company defendants, requiring restoration of the lost wetlands and an ongoing obligation to protect these wetlands from future erosion.

From there, Blair has brought multiple cases on behalf of landowners against various pipeline companies across the state, similarly seeking to have the land loss caused by the pipeline canals traversing the property restored and protected in the future. For example, Blair recently filed a lawsuit on behalf of the LDWF for land loss damage to the Pointe aux Chenes Wildlife Management Area (WMA), which is made up of nearly 34,000 acres of coastal wetlands in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. This land is entrusted to the LDWF and provides habitats for many species of fish and wildlife, and it offers valuable ecological functions, namely storm protection and public recreation. The LDWF recently filed a petition for injunctive relief that seeks to hold several pipeline companies accountable for failing to properly maintain the land entrusted to them for their use as pipeline canals, resulting in destruction of the important marshlands across the WMA. The suit seeks to require the pipeline defendants to honor their contractual obligations to safeguard and restore the coastal wetlands they have damaged.

Blair is also an experienced mediator who was trained at the [Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution](#), an internationally recognized program at Pepperdine University's Caruso School of Law. Understanding the importance of mediation programs in keeping courts from becoming overloaded, Blair devotes her time to helping to amicably resolve these matters. For the 2023-24 bar year, Blair's dedication to disaster relief was recognized with an appointment to the [American Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services Team](#), a pro-bono initiative where the ABA has teamed up with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help people navigate the aftermath of presidentially-declared disasters. In her second ABA appointment of that year, she served as vice-chair of the Young Lawyers Division's Environment, Energy & Resources committee.

Blair also earned her Sustainable Capitalism and ESG certificate from [UC Berkeley School of Law's Executive Education](#) program. The course approaches ESG (environmental, social, and governance) issues from both a legal perspective and through business risks and opportunities. The goal of the program is to demonstrate how to incorporate ESG considerations into business and investment strategy.

Blair frequently shares her knowledge with others. She and a panel of leading coastal experts were chosen to present "Legal Ramifications Surrounding the Latest Scientific Evidence in Pipeline Canals and Land Loss" at the 2023 [State of the Coast](#) conference, the largest statewide conference of its kind, which provides an interdisciplinary forum to exchange timely and relevant information on the dynamic conditions of Louisiana's coastal communities, environment, and economy.

Female representation in the legal field and in her community is of utmost importance to Blair. She recently participated in the [Loyola University New Orleans Women's Leadership Academy](#), a noteworthy recognition given that she is a Loyola Law alumna. The program seeks to increase the representation of women in leadership roles by educating, empowering, and elevating its cohorts, and it is the only one of its kind hosted by a university in Louisiana.

Blair currently serves on the [Board of Governors](#) for the [Louisiana Association for Justice](#), and she is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the [Litigation Counsel of America](#). She is also the Bylaws Chair for the Women's Professional Council of New Orleans. Blair is a current member and Past President of the [Association for Women Attorneys – New Orleans Chapter](#), and she has also served as the Bylaws Chairperson for the [Independent Women's Organization of Greater New Orleans](#). In addition, she is a member of the New Orleans Bar Association. She also served as Legal Counsel/Secretary of the [Young Leadership Council's](#) 2025 board of directors.

Experience

Land Loss

- In *Vintage Assets Inc. v. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., et al.*, No. 16-00713 (E.D. La.), following a 5-day trial against two pipeline companies for causing wide-spread erosion of plaintiff's property, the trial team obtained favorable ruling of first impression ordering specific performance and restoration.

Legacy

- In *BCR Holdings v. Baby Oil, Inc., et al.*, No. 127030 (17th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana) (oil field contamination and illegal discharge case), the trial team obtained a favorable settlement for our client in a confidential amount.
- *Bowie Lumber Associates v. Anadarko OGC Company, et al.*, No. 134888 (17th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana)(multi-million dollar contamination case).
- *New 90, LLC, et al. v. Grigsby Petroleum, Inc., et al.*, No. 130528 (16th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana)(multi-million dollar contamination of groundwater case).
- *Bowie Lumber Associates v. White Oak Operating Company, LLC, et al.*, No. 129052 (17th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana)(multi-million dollar contamination case).

Public Bid Law

- *Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. v. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans*, No. 2015-11017 (Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana) (multi-million dollar public bid law dispute).

Securities Fraud and Lender Liability

- *Terence K. Sumpter, et al. v. William Hungerford Jr., et al.*, No. 12-00717 (E.D. La.) (successfully settled a multi-million dollar securities fraud case involving more than two dozen investors).

- In *River House Partners, LLC v. Grandbridge Real Estate Capital, LLC*, 15-00058 (M.D. La.) the trial team obtained favorable settlement in a complex case involving a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development secured loan.

Recognitions

- **Chambers USA: Band 2**, Environment: Litigation, *since 2021*
- **Benchmark Litigation**: "Future Star", 2026
- **Super Lawyers**: Environmental Litigation, General Litigation, *since 2024*
- **The Best Lawyers in America®**: Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, and Oil and Gas Law, *since 2023*
- **Lawdragon: 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers** - The Green 500, *since 2023*
- **Lawdragon: 500 X** - The Next Generation, *2024 and 2025*
- **New Orleans CityBusiness**: Leadership in Law Honoree and Hall of Fame Member, *2023-2025*
- **New Orleans Magazine: Top Women in Law**, Environmental Law, *2019; 2024; 2025*
- **Inside New Orleans: Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyers**, Environmental Law, *2025*
- **NAWL**: Rising List, *2024*
- **LSBA Young Lawyers Division**: TOP 40 Awardee, *2023*
- **Benchmark Litigation**: 40 & Under List - South, *2022-2024*
- **Best Lawyers®**: Ones to Watch, *2021-2022*
- **Super Lawyers: Rising Star**, Environmental Litigation, General Litigation, *2018-2023*
Rising Star
- **Martindale-Hubbell**: AV Preeminent Rated

Media

Publications

Presentations

- Author, "[*Compelling an Out-of-State Defendant to Appear at Trial*](#)," Louisiana Association for Justice, *Louisiana Advocates*, Sept. 2018
- Author, "[*Bundrick v. Anadarko Petroleum Company: Third Circuit Denies Certain Mineral Lessors the Right to Demand Restoration*](#)," Louisiana Association for Justice, *Louisiana Advocates*, May 2016
- Moderator, "Charting New Waters: Women on the Frontlines of Coastal Law," 30th Annual Tulane Environmental Law and Policy Summit, March 29, 2025.
- Speaker, "Mass Injunctions (with or without the class)," Louisiana State Bar Association Complex Litigation Symposium, Nov. 8, 2024.

- Panelist, “Legal Ramifications Surrounding the Latest Scientific Evidence in Pipeline Canals and Land Loss,” State of the Coast Conference, May 31, 2023.
- Panelist, “Litigation in the Coastal Zone”, 24th Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, March 22, 2019.
- Panelist, “Environmental Justice,” 24th Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, March 22, 2019.
- Panelist, “Coastal Remedies Post-SLFPAE: Private and Parish Litigation,” 23rd Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, March 9, 2018.

Credentials

Education

Admissions

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Loyola University College of Law, 2013
 - Member of the Loyola Law Review
- B.A. from the University of Kentucky, 2007
- Louisiana
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Recent News

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[Super Lawyers® Recognizes 25 Fishman Haygood Attorneys & Names Bendana, Herman, Manthey, and Nobles to "Top" Lists](#)

Feb 23, 2026

[Environmental Team Resolves Coastal Restoration Case on Behalf of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries](#)

Notable Rankings



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