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Charlotte A. Biblow is a partner at Farrell Fritz and leads the firm's environmental practice group. Biblow represents corporations and individuals in transactions involving environmental due diligence, permits, audits, and regulatory compliance. She advises clients on remediating environmentally impacted properties, such as brownfields, Superfund sites and petroleum contamination sites.

Biblow counsels real estate developers, business owners and municipalities regarding land use and environmental/SEQRA issues. She has been lead trial counsel in jury and nonjury trials in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies.

Environmental law is constantly changing, Biblow said.

"New statutes, regulations and amendments are proposed and enacted at the federal, state and local levels of government almost daily," she said. "One exciting trend that we are involved in is New York State's revamped brownfields cleanup program (BCP). The BCP is aimed at remediating and redeveloping contaminated sites. The BCP reforms became effective on July 1, 2015 but many regulations for the new BCP will be rolled out over the next several months."

The new program allows previously-ineligible sites to participate," Biblow explained.

"There are significant changes to the very generous tangible property tax credits, often a major factor in applying for the BCP," she said. "There are extra criteria to qualify for these tax credits for projects located in New York City. The revamped BCP is going to have a streamlined procedure, known as BCP-EZ, that allows for quicker cleanups, which is expected to be up and



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running in the summer in 2016."

"The BCP is a great example of a complex environmental program that can be accessed to clean up and reuse impacted sites; it is not a static program and has, and will, continue to change," Biblow said.

Biblow is a state environmental regulations columnist for the New York Law Journal and writes for the firm's Long Island Land Use & Zoning blog.

Biblow is president of Sustainable Long Island's board of directors. She serves as treasurer on Queensborough Community College Fund's board of directors. Among her numerous awards, She has received the American Heart Association's James W. Dowling Award, Bank of America Charitable Foundation's Local Hero award, and The Ward Melville Heritage Organization's Heritage Partner award.

In addition to her J.D., Biblow earned a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Health Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry.

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