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Charlotte A. Biblow is a partner at Farrell Fritz and leads the firm's environmental law practice group. Biblow represents clients in environmental, land use and commercial litigation in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies. Biblow represents developers, corporations, individuals and financial institutions in transactions involving environmental due diligence. She counsels clients regarding environmental permitting and compliance, SEQRA, and remediation of environmentally impacted properties. She is an experienced negotiator with federal, state and municipal environmental and land use regulators.

Even in good economic times, environmental laws and regulations can be challenging to the business community, Biblow said.

"Compliance can be costly and remedial activities often extend over many months and years," she said. "Real estate sales or mergers and acquisitions generally involve extensive environmental due diligence. This pre-purchase assessment of environmental risks can be a major challenge as the fear of potential environmental liability can stymie what otherwise would be a



great business opportunity."

The current economic situation has certainly amplified these issues, Biblow noted.

"Over the past year, we worked with our clients to overcome these challenges by assessing environmental risks, creating solutions that limit environmental liability in transactions and negotiating remedial plans that are effective and efficient," she said.

Biblow earned a juris doctor from St. John's University School of Law. She earned a master's degree in environmental health science from Hunter College, which she attended on a teaching fellowship. Biblow also earned a bache-

lor's degree, cum laude, in chemistry from the State University of New York at Albany.

Biblow serves as secretary for Sustainable Long Island's board of directors and is a founding member of the action committee for the environment, an affiliate of Sustainable Long Island. She also helped design an innovative environmental education program for the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, which won a national award in 2006. Biblow writes a column for the New York Law Journal on New York environmental regulations, has published numerous articles, and led many environmental seminars. She is listed in Martindale-Hubbell's 2011 Top Women Lawyers in the Northeast in Environmental Law.

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