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Black Warrior Riverkeeper Hires Eva Dillard, Staff Attorney

Birmingham - Eva Dillard began work as Black Warrior Riverkeeper's full-time Staff Attorney on April 2, 2010. Dillard is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College and the University of Virginia School of Law. Her practice has been split between litigation and advising clients in both the public and private sector. She is a former Senior Counsel for Environmental Compliance in the Office of the General Counsel at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D. C.

As Staff Attorney, Dillard represents Black Warrior Riverkeeper on legal matters regarding pollution prevention and environmental enforcement; works with the staff Riverkeeper (Nelson Brooke) and Enforcement Coordinator (John Kinney) on pollution investigations, file reviews, permit research, document procurement, and public comments; communicates with polluters and their attorneys to encourage environmental compliance and pollution prevention upgrades; and coordinates the work of the organization's legal volunteers and interns.

Dillard is a board member and past president of the Homewood City Schools Foundation. She serves on the steering committee for Rethink280, a grassroots citizens' organization pursuing sensible, sustainable and cost effective solutions for traffic congestion along the U.S. 280 corridor in Birmingham. With husband Mark and son Jay, she lives in Homewood where she is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper's staff now includes one part-time and four full-time employees. Staff descriptions are posted on the organization's website at <http://blackwarriorriver.org/staff.html>.

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper (www.blackwarriorriver.org) is a citizen-based nonprofit environmental advocacy organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. A proud member of Waterkeeper Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper was the Alabama Environmental Council's 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year, the American Canoe Association's 2008 Green Paddle Award winner. The staff Riverkeeper, Nelson Brooke, won the Alabama Rivers Alliance's 2010 River Hero Award. For more information, contact Charles Scribner, Executive Director: (205) 458-0095, cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org or Nelson Brooke, Riverkeeper: (205) 458-0095, nbrooke@blackwarriorriver.org.