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Suzanne C. Lacampagne is a partner and member of the firm’s environmental and natural resources practice team. Her practice focuses on representing corporate clients in hazardous waste cleanup actions, air and water permitting issues, and environmental management and compliance. Additionally, she represents companies in litigation involving cost recovery for Superfund cleanups and in state and federal government enforcement actions. Suzanne has also worked on several sites involving natural resource damage claims. She litigated and won recovery of 100 percent of cleanup costs against a large oil company in Oregon state court on behalf of an owner of contaminated property.

Previously, Suzanne worked as an environmental litigator with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., where she litigated and settled a wide range of federal civil cases under CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Oil Pollution Prevention Act, and EPCRA.

Professional Activities

- Oregon State Bar, member
- Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation
 - board member, 2008-2013
 - Investment Committee, chair, 2010-2013
- DEQ Solid Waste Advisory Committee, past chair
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Rulemaking Committee on Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, member, 2007

Civic Activities

- Clackamas Women’s Services
 - board member, 2010-2016
 - board president, 2013-2015

Representative Experience

Environmental—Cleanup/Permitting

- Advised multinational pulp and paper, manufacturing, food processing, and investment companies on complex Clean Air Act issues, including global climate change, new source review requirements, new source performance

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School

B.A., Wellesley College

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 1995

standards, routine maintenance exemptions under the prevention of significant deterioration regulations, the national emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants, determination of appropriate control technology, and odor-control regulation.

- Advised food processing clients on compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements; permit transfer and modifications; and defended clients before state and federal enforcement actions.
- Represented company in dispute over investigation and cleanup costs for legacy contaminated site; advice included permitting issues in Oregon.
- Represented company in nationwide EPA NSR/PSD air enforcement initiative, performed environmental due diligence for property transactions/M&As; advised on Clean Air Act (Title V and ACDPs) and water permitting issues; and advised on cleanup and remediation of contaminated sites.
- Assisted client in successfully obtaining a No Further Action letter from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an uplands soil cleanup in 2007. Located within the Portland Harbor Superfund boundary, the industrial site was a former railcar repair and cleaning operation with PAH and arsenic contamination.
- Advised clients, ranging from heavy equipment and metal manufacturers, pulp and paper, seafood processors, lumber, chemical, investment, fuel, and real estate companies, to financial institutions, tribes, and public entities, nonprofits, on the investigation and remediation of single-party, multiparty, and Superfund sites listed on the National Priority List. Represented clients in allocation process and enforcement actions to minimize environmental liability.
- Obtained No Further Action determination from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an industrial site adjacent to the Columbia Slough waterway, and resolved cleanup and Natural Resources Damages (NRD) liability for Slough sediments with favorable settlement with DEQ, largely funded by other parties.
- Represented former shipyard at Commencement Bay Superfund Site in successfully settling Superfund cleanup and natural resource damages claims with release from liability and contribution protection. Natural Resources Damages (NRD) claims successfully settled through multi-party mediated allocation that allowed for sale of DSAY credits.
- Represented several manufacturing clients at Portland Harbor Superfund Site in multi-party allocation of cleanup liability and resolution of natural resource damages claims, including litigation by trustee for natural resource damage claims.

Environmental—Due Diligence

- Assist a variety of clients in the due diligence of buying, selling, and foreclosing on real property and businesses that involve contaminated property, including reviewing and revising Phase I and II and other environmental reports, and reviewing, drafting, and negotiating terms and conditions in contracts, leases, purchase and sale agreements, and access agreements to minimize clients' environmental liability as buyers and sellers of businesses and real property.
- Conducted environmental due diligence for investor in a Portland area cleanup and construction of upscale shopping mall on a landfill.
- Performed environmental due diligence and assisted developer with old rail yard site in downtown Portland that was cleaned up and redeveloped for low-income housing, commercial, and mixed-use properties.

Environmental—Litigation

- Defended clients in numerous industries, including food processors, retailers, a feeding operation, waste management, manufacturing, chemical, energy, and real estate, in Clean Water Act actions brought by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and citizen groups.

- Represented seller of vacant contaminated property in cleanup and in litigation, obtaining 100 percent recovery for cleanup costs of an old service station site. Site was redeveloped into new service station.
- Defended clients in Clean Water Act citizen suit litigation.

Toxic Tort

- Represented school districts in addressing potential claims for exposure to lead paint, lead in drinking water, radon, leaking PCB-containing fluorescent light ballasts, asbestos and mold; successfully resolved issues and prevented litigation.

Publications

- “New DOJ Clean Water Act Civil Enforcement Discretion Memo,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *From The Ground Up* (July 2020)
- “Environmental Groups Push for New Rules Emissions From Indirect Sources,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *From The Ground Up* (Jan. 2020)
- “EPA Issues Nationwide Greenhouse-Gas Reporting Rule,” Miller Nash, *News You Can Use* (Sept. 2009)
- “Settling NRD Claims by Appropriately Valuing Injury and Damages,” American Bar Association, *Natural Resources & Environment* (July 2009)
- “Oregon Mandates Greenhouse Gas Reporting,” Miller Nash, *News You Can Use* (Oct. 2008)
- “EPA Finalizes ‘All Appropriate Inquiries’ Rule Governing Environmental Due Diligence,” Miller Nash, *News You Can Use* (June 2007)
- “Supreme Court Chastises EPA for Failing to Regulate Greenhouse-Gas Emissions From Vehicles,” Miller Nash, *Groundbreaking News* (June 2007)
- “Successful Multiparty Settlement of Natural Resource Damage Claims,” Miller Nash, *News You Can Use* (Mar. 2007)
- “Bankruptcy Estimation of CERCLA Claims: The Process and the Alternatives,” University of Virginia School of Law, *Virginia Environmental Law Journal* (1993)

Presentations

- “Civil and Criminal Environmental Liability for Seafood Processors,” Oregon State University, Seafood Processing Wastewater and By-product Recovery Conference (Jan. 2022)
- “Allocating Superfund Liability—Determining Who Pays What,” Superfund 2020 Annual Environmental Contamination & Cleanup Conference (Mar. 2020)
- “How to Avoid Third-Party Lawsuits,” Oregon State University, Seafood Processing Wastewater Conference (Mar. 2018)
- “Practical Advice on Moving Projects Forward—Getting to Cleanup,” 2018 Superfund in Oregon Conference (Feb. 2018)
- “Portland Harbor Issues,” Northwest Environmental Conference & Tradeshow (Dec. 2017)
- “The Trump Presidency & New EPA Policies,” Northwest Environmental Conference & Tradeshow (Dec. 2017)
- “Environmental Enforcement Panel,” Oregon State Bar, Environmental & Natural Resources Section Year in Review (Oct. 2016)
- “Risky Business—Economic and Legal Impacts of Climate Change Risk on Businesses and Investors,” The Seminar Group, Preparing for Climate Change—New Regulations and New Litigation CLE seminar (Nov. 2014)
- “Exporting Energy Through the Northwest,” Northwest Environmental Conference & Tradeshow, moderator (Dec. 2013)
- “Portland Harbor Clean Up,” Air and Waste Management Association, PNWIS 2012 Conference (Dec. 2012)
- “OLI Presents: Green Business Law,” Oregon Law Institute, Green Business Law Seminar (June 2010)

- “Negotiating Columbia Slough Liability Agreements with DEQ: Considerations and Case Study,” Environmental Law Education Center, State and Federal Superfund Laws and Liability Environmental Cleanup Conference (July 2009)
- “Sediment Cleanups in Oregon and Washington,” Law Seminars International, moderator (Nov. 2007)
- “Standing and EPA Regulation Of Greenhouse Gases: What’s All the Hot Air About?” Oregon State Bar (June 2007)

Recognition & Honors

- Recognized as a “Leader in Their Field” by *Chambers USA* for Environment, 2019-present
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Environmental Law, 2013-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer, 2014-2020
- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®