

ALLISON A. TORRENCE, Partner

Allison A. Torrence is a member of the firm's Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law Practice as well as the Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice. She has significant experience in environmental litigation, working on cases involving toxic torts, CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act, among other matters. In addition to her environmental litigation work, Allison advises clients on a variety of workplace health and safety issues, including dealing with state and federal regulators following workplace injuries and inspections. She also represents policyholders in insurance coverage disputes relating to environmental issues and counsels clients on a variety of regulatory compliance matters arising under state and federal regulatory schemes.

Allison's environmental litigation experience includes significant work on the following cases:

- Personal injury toxic tort litigation involving approximately 60 plaintiffs.
- Property damage toxic tort litigation involving over 100 residences.
- Several CERCLA cost recovery cases dealing with a number of private parties and governmental entities.
- Representing the City of Chicago in a preliminary injunction hearing in a public nuisance case in connection with the O'Hare Modernization Program.
- Clean Air Act permitting litigation and appeal.
- Clean Water Act enforcement litigation.

Allison also uses her experience to aid clients in environmental, health and safety audits and in performing environmental due diligence for complex corporate transactions. Her corporate experience includes significant work on the following transactions:

- 2009 sale of substantially all of General Motors' assets to a newly formed entity sponsored by the U.S. Treasury in connection with General Motors' voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11.
- Lonza Group's \$1.2 Billion acquisition of Arch Chemicals.
- General Dynamics' acquisition of Force Protection, Inc., a blast-protected combat vehicle manufacturer.

Allison has been recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* magazine as a "Rising Star," as one of the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state who are 40 years old or younger or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. She was also recognized by the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association with the David C. Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Service for her work on the Environmental Law Committee. Active in the Chicago Bar Association, she serves as Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. Allison also serves as an appointed member of the City of Wheaton



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Climate and Clean Technology Law

Energy

Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law

Environmental Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2006

University of Michigan, B.S., 2002; With Distinction

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2006

Environmental Improvement Commission.

Allison is an editor of the [Corporate Environmental Lawyer Blog](#), providing breaking environmental and health and safety updates that are of interest to the corporate counsel community.

Awards

- *Illinois Super Lawyers*
"Rising Star," Environmental, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Chicago Bar Association
Young Lawyers Section David C. Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Leadership, 2011
- Law Bulletin Publishing Company - Leading Lawyers Network
"Emerging Lawyer," Environmental Law; Toxic Tort Defense Law, 2015, 2019

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association
Section of Environment, Energy & Resources Law
- Chicago Bar Association
Former Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee
Chair, Environmental Law Committee

Publications

- Co-Author, "Environmental Outlook under EPA Administrator Pruitt," *Law360*, March 1, 2017
- Client Alert: U.S. Supreme Court Upholds EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, May 1, 2014
- "EPA Administrative Orders on Consent, CERCLA §113(f) Contribution Actions, and the Operative Statute of Limitations After Atlantic Research," *Environmental Law Reporter*, November 2013
- "U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Cross-State Air Pollution Appeal," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, June 25, 2013
- "States Seek Review By The U.S. Supreme Court In Asian Carp Case," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, October 28, 2011
- "States and Private Industry Challenge EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, September 30, 2011
- "Federal Appeals Court Rejects States' Request To Close Chicago Locks Over Asian Carp," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, August 25, 2011
- "U.S. EPA Details Environmental Objections With State Department's Environmental Impact Statement For The Keystone XL Pipeline," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, June 8, 2011
- "U.S. EPA Proposes Mercury And Air Toxics Standards For Power Plants," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, March 23, 2011
- "Court Grants Preliminary Injunction Blocking Deepwater Oil Drilling Moratorium," *Jenner & Block Environmental Lawyers Blog*, June 23, 2010

- Client Advisory: EPA Proposes Rule for Applying Clean Air Act Permit Requirements to GHG Stationary Sources, October 6, 2009
- "U.S. Issues Proposed Rule - Stationary Sources of GHG Emissions Will Comply with 'Tailored' Clean Air Act Permit Requirements," *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- "U.S. EPA Finalizes Rule Mandating Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions" *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- "Federal Appeals Court - Greenhouse Gas Emitters Can Be Subject to Federal Common Law Nuisance Liability" *LexisNexis*, October 2009
- "After Federal Court Ruling, What's Next for States' Rights to Control Vehicle Emissions?" *Law.com*, October 31, 2007

Speaking Engagements

- "Insurance Coverage for Environmental Claims" Webinar, Jenner & Block, April 16, 2019
- Faculty, "Clean Air Act," 27th Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law, November 12, 2018
- Third Annual Environmental Attorney Reception, September 14, 2017
- "Environmental Risk: Best Practices in Spotting, Evaluating, Quantifying and Reporting Risk," Jenner & Block, May 11, 2017
- "Environmental Attorney Reception," CBA Environmental Law Committee; CBA YLS Environmental Law Committee; ISBA Environmental Law Section; ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, September 13, 2016
- "Mobile-Source Emissions and the Clean Air Act," Chicago Bar Association Environmental Law Committee, December 01, 2015
- Environmental Attorney Reception, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, American Bar Association, October 05, 2015
- "Environmental Litigation Skills," Chicago Bar Association, March 18, 2015
- "Toxic Tort Litigation: Tips and Key Considerations," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee, May 22, 2014
- "Hot Topics in Environmental Law," Chicago Bar Association Environmental Law Committee, March 19, 2014
- "The Future of Environmental Law," Chicago Bar Association, February 25, 2014
- "Climate Change Law: How Obama's First Term Changed the Climate on Climate Change and Predictions for the Second Term," Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee, May 21, 2013
- "Careers in Environmental Law," Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee, February 26, 2013
- Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Environmental Law Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 26, 2012
- "Working with Experts in Environmental Litigation," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's Environmental Law Committee, Chicago, IL, April 28, 2011

