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Practices

FOCUS:

Environmental
Environmental
Internal
Investigations and
Incident Response
Environmental
Litigation
Toxic Tort Litigation
Water
Electronic Discovery
and Information
Governance
Environmental
Aspects of Energy
Production
Environmental
Advisory Group
Privacy, Data and
Cybersecurity

Recognition

Leadership Council
on Legal Diversity,
Fellow, 2012
Legal 500, 2015
Law360, Rising Star
Under 40, 2011
DOJ Intra-division
Cooperation Award,
2006

Lily Chinn is a strategic advocate and litigator for her corporate and individual clients, providing counsel on the intersection between workplace safety, environmental, natural resources, toxic tort and product liability issues. She focuses on civil and criminal defense, including internal investigations and suspension or debarment proceedings.

Lily is well versed in the litigation of complex appellate and district court cases in venues across the country. She draws on her many years of experience as a trial attorney at the US Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, DC to provide her clients with high-level, thoughtful counsel on a variety of environmental and workplace safety litigation matters. Through her work as a government attorney in the Environmental Defense Section, she has in-depth knowledge of the decision-making processes at the DOJ, Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies. This experience, coupled with the relationships Lily developed during her tenure at the DOJ, provides a virtually unparalleled background as she advises clients facing enforcement actions and investigations.

As a former prosecutor in the DOJ's Computer Crimes and Intellectual Property Section and one of the founding co-chairs of the DOJ's Environment Division's E-Discovery Working Group, Lily is also able to provide technologically savvy counsel to her clients on the preservation, collection and production of electronic information and serves as the co-chair of Katten's Electronic Discovery and Information Governance practice.

Selected Experience

- Representation of a Fortune 100 company in connection with federal and state investigations related to a multi-fatality incident at a chemical manufacturing plant.
- Representation of an energy company in connection with a joint federal-state criminal investigation involving alleged Clean Air Act violations at a power plant. Successfully negotiated declination of all charges.
- Representation of a leading independent provider of services to the global power generation industry before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in connection with an investigation involving allegations of market manipulation and fraud in the sale of power to an independent system operator responsible for the operation of a region's electrical power system.



DOJ Individual
Outstanding
Performance,
2002–2003

DOJ Special
Commendations,
2001, 2003–2005

Education

JD, University of
California, Los
Angeles, School of
Law, Order of the
Coif

BA, University of
California, Berkeley,
with high distinction

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
California

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals,
District of Columbia
Circuit

US Court of Appeals,
First Circuit

US Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit

US Court of Appeals,
Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals,
Federal Circuit

US District Court,
District of Columbia

US District Court,
Northern District of
California

US District Court,
Central District of
California

- Representation of a global provider of labor and production services criminally charged in connection with a multi-fatality incident on an oil and gas production platform.
- Representation of a global energy services company under criminal investigation for fraud related to inspection services provided to oil and gas production platforms.
- Representation of an oil and gas company under investigation for violations of state and federal statutes related to impacts on migratory birds.
- Representation of an international oil and gas services company in Suspension & Debarment proceedings before federal agencies relating to potential disqualification from participation in federal contracts and related subcontracts.
- Defense of a national chemical manufacturer in a six-month toxic tort jury trial and a three-week cost recovery bench trial involving groundwater contamination resulting in a defense victory.
- Representation of farmers in California's Central Valley seeking just compensation from the United States as part of class action takings claim.
- Defense of a Class I railroad in a statewide Clean Water Act citizen suit litigation alleging unpermitted discharges of coal from railcars to the waters in Washington State.
- Prosecution of Clean Water Act violations in California and Florida on behalf of the United States.
- Representation of a national solid waste company in a successful challenge of a Solano County ordinance that illegally restricted the flow of solid waste in violation of the US and California Constitutions.
- Defense of federal agency actions including Clean Air Act rulemakings, Clean Water Act permits and federal contributions to cleanups under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.
- Defense of corporate and individual clients facing civil and criminal investigation for a variety of environmental and natural resource issues.
- Defense of federal agencies and corporate clients facing Clean Water Act enforcement actions by citizen groups.
- Representation of an energy company in connection with civil enforcement action involving alleged violations of state air emission regulations.

Advisories

- DOJ and DOL Expand and Promote the Worker Endangerment Initiative (December 21, 2015)



US District Court,
Eastern District of
California

US District Court,
Southern District of
California

US Court of Federal
Claims

Supreme Court of
California

Articles

- Contributor, Defending Environmental Citizen Suits, *For The Defense* (April 2014)
- Author, Expert Witness 101, *ABA's The Woman Advocate* (Summer 2008)

Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Panelist | A Bridge to 21st Century Leadership and Beyond! The Making of a Diverse & Inclusive Leader | New York, New York (March 22, 2016)
- Faculty Member | Environmental Enforcement | Twelfth Annual Western Boot Camp on Environmental Law® | San Francisco, California (March 15–17, 2016)
- Panelist | Turning Legalese Into Tech Speak: Legal Holds in 2015 | McLean, Virginia (December 8, 2015)
- Panelist | Privacy and Ethics for Social Media Investigations | The Third Annual Women, Influence & Power in Law Conference | Washington, DC (October 29–30, 2015)
- Faculty Member | Eleventh Annual Western Boot Camp on Environmental Law | Seattle, Washington (March 17–19, 2015)
- Speaker | What Makes a Matter "Turn" Criminal—Understanding a Prosecutor's Thought Process | Audio Conference (February 24, 2015)
- Panelist | Working With Technical Consultants | Environmental Law Institute | Washington, DC (September 24, 2014)
- Faculty Member | Environmental Enforcement | Tenth Annual Western Boot Camp on Environmental Law | San Francisco, California (March 11–13, 2014)
- Instructor | Civil Trial Advocacy Seminar | DOJ National Advocacy Center (February 2006)
- Instructor | Discovery & Deposition Skills Seminar | DOJ National Advocacy Center (March 2006)