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Overview

Jessica Holmes is a deeply committed advocate for the preservation of our natural resources who draws on her background as an environmental engineer to fight for her clients and create a safer and healthier world for all. She believes that enduring environmental protection is accomplished by focusing, at every stage of the litigation process, on the people and the communities harmed by environmental contamination. As a DiCello Levitt attorney, Jessie uses her analytical skills and technical knowledge of biosystems to understand and communicate the engineering dynamics at play in her cases.

While at Lewis & Clark Law School, Jessie focused her research on the ways that class actions and other aggregation devices enable access to the courts, achieving justice for those previously left without recourse, and effect major changes in our environmental protection efforts. After serving as a law clerk at the Natural Resources Law Section of the California Office of the Attorney General, she was elected editor of *Environmental Law Review: Ninth Circuit Review*, where she also published an article on the intersection of complex litigation and environmental law; served as president of the Public Interest Law Project, an organization aimed at empowering students to pursue opportunities in public interest law; and co-founded the Complex Litigation Symposium at Lewis & Clark, sponsored by DiCello Levitt, which explored the significance of class actions and MDLs in ensuring equal access to justice. Shortly after graduating from law school, she received a scholarship to attend the Bolch Judicial Institute at Duke Law School's Advanced MDL Certificate Program and was recently selected to join the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' Membership Diversity Enhancement Program.

Jessie enjoys spending time with her close network of friends formed during her days as a Division I soccer player, and she remains involved in the sport as a fan and coach.

Practice Areas

AGRICULTURE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY LITIGATION

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

MASS TORT LITIGATION

PUBLIC CLIENT

Education

Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

University of Southern California, M.S.

University of Florida, B.S.

Awards & Honors

Advanced MDL Certificate Program Scholar, ***Bolch Judicial Institute at Duke Law*** (2023)

Cornelius Honor Society Inductee, ***Lewis & Clark Law School*** (2023)

Krista Koehl Environmental Scholarship, ***Lewis & Clark Law School*** (2022)

Public Interest Summer Award, Public Interest Law Project, ***Lewis & Clark Law School*** (2021)

Dean's Scholarship for Excellence, ***Lewis & Clark Law School*** (2020-2023)

Leader in Public Policy and Infrastructure Development, ***Al Dorman Fellow from University of Southern California*** (2020)

Publications & Presentations

Writings

Contributor, "Arguing Class Actions: Objections to Class Action Settlements," *National Law Journal*, January 2024

“Aggregation: An Essential Tool in Achieving Imperative Environmental Enforcement, Protection, and Justice,” 52 Env’t L. 547, 2022

Presentations

“Overview of Class Actions and Federal Multidistrict Litigation,” Complex Litigation Symposium at Lewis & Clark Law School, March 17, 2022 (presented with Professor Robert Klonoff)

“Global vs. Regional Climate Change Impacts: Small Islands,” Viterbi Graduate School of Engineering: Climate Change and Atmospheric Aerosol Presentations, 2018 (presented with Yiting Yuan)

“Saving Coal Country: Impacts of the Clean Power Plan and the Affordable Clean Energy Rule on the Coal Industry in Wyoming,” Viterbi Graduate School of Engineering: Energy and the Environment Presentations, November 5, 2018 (presented with Anastas Belev)

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Alabama

Illinois

Memberships

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources’ Membership Diversity Enhancement Program

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