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Overview

Anna Claire represents governmental entities, individual consumers, and corporate clients with the primary purpose of the protection of human health and the environment. She has litigated cases in both administrative tribunals and state and federal court from inception through settlement and trial. She has experience with numerous environmental statutes and regulations, including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Anna Claire is part of the DiCello Levitt team working with several states in investigating and addressing poly- and perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination. DiCello Levitt's PFAS team, along with other Special Assistant Attorneys General and the Illinois Attorney General, most recently filed a lawsuit against 3M for PFAS contamination from its facility in Cordova, Illinois. Cases involving these "forever chemicals" will have wide-reaching implications for state governments and their residents.

Anna Claire also represents public clients in litigation seeking to hold the world's largest fossil fuel companies accountable for decades of deception concerning climate change and the costs and other consequences that climate change is imposing on those governments.



Anna Claire works with communities that have been impacted by years of exposure to polluted air, water, and soil. Recently, Anna Claire and DiCello Levitt's environmental team joined with-counsel in representing several residents and former residents of Union, Illinois in filing suit against companies responsible for polluting the groundwater with carcinogenic chlorinated solvents. Anna Claire is also part of the team leading a class action on behalf of the residents of Rockton, Illinois and surrounding communities for property damages they sustained following a catastrophic fire at a local chemical factory.

In addition to her environmental work, Anna Claire also helps clients develop and maintain safety and health programs that meet all of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's regulatory requirements and ensure all employees enjoy safe and healthful workplaces. She regularly counsels clients when compliance and litigation questions arise under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Outside of the office, Anna Claire continues her work on environmental-related issues by serving as co-chair of the Kentucky Bar Association's Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources section. She also focuses on giving back to her community through her participation on the executive committee of the Living Arts and Science Center Board of Directors.

Practice Areas

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

PUBLIC CLIENT

Education

Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., Order of the Coif

Washington and Lee University, B.A., *cum laude*

Publications & Presentations

"The Nuts and Bolts of the Environmental Administrative Hearing Process," Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Environmental Conference (March 26, 2021)

"Ever-Evolving Water Rules," Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Environmental Conference (March 26, 2021)

"What Breweries Should Know about Public Health and Safety," August Mack Webinar (June 18, 2020)

“WOTUS – What’s Next?,” Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Environmental Permitting Conference (August 2020)

“Coal Combustion Residuals: Federal and State Rule Developments,” Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Environmental Permitting Conference (August 2020)

“Regulating Hazardous Chemicals: The Overlap Between EPA’s Risk Management Program and OSHA’s Process Safety Management Standard,” Kentucky Chamber Environmental Conference (March 15, 2019)

“Reducing Regulations: An OSHA Legislative and Enforcement Update,” Indiana Safety & Health Expo (February 28, 2019)

“Don’t Forget OSHA Standards: Beyond EPA’s Hazardous Chemical Requirements,” Kentucky Chamber of Commerce: Environmental Conference (March 8, 2018).

“Reducing Regulations: An OSHA Legislative and Enforcement Update,” North Dakota Safety Council: 45th Annual Safety Conference (February 23, 2018).

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Georgia

Kentucky

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

Memberships

Georgia Bar Association

Kentucky Bar Association – Kentucky Bar Association Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Section, co-chair

Living Arts and Science Center, Board of Directors