

Bill Jackson Named Law.com Litigator of the Week

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Partner [Bill Jackson](#) was named *Law.com's* Litigator of the Week, in recognition for leading the Kelley Drye team behind a landmark PFAS settlement for the State of New Jersey. The recognition follows the federal court approval of two historic settlements with chemical manufacturers DuPont and 3M, totaling \$2.5 billion—the largest environmental recovery by a single state.

In the profile, Bill discusses the stakes of this litigation for the State of New Jersey, the process by which Kelley Drye's team built a case, as well as challenges that the team faced.

"With well over a century of industrial discharges in New Jersey—and a 75-year history with PFAS in New Jersey and around the country—the breadth and scope of the issues were absolutely sweeping in nature," said Bill.

Bill also spoke about the settlement as a model that states can use in future litigation involving PFAS or "forever chemicals."

"I believe that the State of New Jersey's unwavering commitment to protecting public health and restoring its water resources, in particular, provides a model for structural resolution nationally," he said.

Reflecting on the collaboration behind the result, Bill said, "The team was as cohesive as I have ever seen, all having fun and fighting for a common goal....Kelley Drye is proud to make significant investments in efforts such as this, protecting the public interest, the environment and natural resources in New Jersey and other states, as well as public entities around the country."

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