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About

Seasoned litigator and mediator Nancy Yanochik represents clients in environmental matters, torts, and commercial litigation. In both state and federal court, Nancy represents plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of matters, including at trial and on appeals.

Nancy's clients include large petrochemical, pharmaceutical, and transportation companies, as well as automobile manufacturers, government entities, and healthcare organizations.

With extensive mediation experience, Nancy takes a balanced view of the alternative dispute resolution process. She has extensive background in e-discovery in complex litigation matters and excels in the collection, analysis, and preparation of evidence during motion practice and trial. Nancy skillfully interfaces with expert witnesses and consultants and has extensive experience handling challenges to expert witness testimony and damages modeling.

Experience

Served as trial counsel for the State of New Jersey in prosecuting New Jersey's case against DuPont for knowingly discharging PFAS and other contamination from DuPont's Chambers Works site into the waters and environment of New Jersey for decades. Following a month of trial in federal court in Camden, DuPont and related companies agreed to a record setting settlement with New Jersey valued at \$2 billion in remediation, restoration, costs, and damages. On the eve of this trial, 3M settled-out for up to \$450 million more in PFAS damages to New Jersey. At \$2 billion, DuPont's settlement with New Jersey is the largest environmental recovery for a single plaintiff – and is one of the largest legal recoveries of any kind – in the history of the country.

Represented the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office in pursuing natural resource damages arising from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Represented the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in multidistrict litigation pursuing environmental claims including remediation, natural resource damages, tort claims, and state and federal claims associated with contamination of the water resources of the Commonwealth.

Represented a Class I Railroad Company in protecting CERCLA cost recovery rights.

Represented an automobile manufacturer and obtained favorable verdicts in products liability suits.

Represented chemical manufacturer in defense of multiple personal injury claims related to airborne releases.

Represented pharmaceutical, medical device and manufacturing clients in various product liability suits and obtained favorable outcomes.

Represented public utility for clean-up and cost-allocation and obtained favorable outcomes.

Conducted corporate due diligence in real estate transactions concerning environmental compliance issues.

Represented international law firm and obtained favorable verdict of legal malpractice claim.

Honors

Recommended in *US Legal 500* for her work in the Environment Litigation area, 2022-2024.

Affiliations

State Bar of Texas

Houston Bar Association

Community

The Woodlands Christian Academy, 2006-2012, executive board

Small Steps Nurturing Center, 1993-2000, board member; 1993-present, pro bono

Related Services

Commercial Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Litigation

Environmental Regulation

PFAS and Emerging Contaminants

Public Sector and Government Entities

Ports

Education

The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, J.D.

- with high honors
- Order of the Coif; Chancellors (Keeper of the Peregrinus); The Texas Law Review, note editor

Abilene Christian University, B.S.

- summa cum laude

Admissions

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court–Southern District of Texas