




Vinita Banthia

Associate

Environmental Law

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Overview

Vinita focuses her practice on complex environmental litigation, products liability claims, and toxic torts. She combines her interest in the environment with her dedication to helping clients navigate environmental issues. Vinita represents clients pursuing and defending complex environmental matters, focusing on issues related to corporate successorship and liability, cleanup and response costs, soil and groundwater contamination, diminution in value to property, and Natural Resource Damages. Her work includes all phases of litigation, including drafting pleadings, drafting discovery requests and responses, managing large scale document reviews and productions, motion practice, and trial preparation.

Leveraging her science background helps Vinita dig deeper into the facts in cases that include a scientific component. In what is often litigation driven by complex testimony of a technical and/or scientific nature, clients appreciate Vinita's ability to translate the technical aspects of their matters into language they can understand. Vinita prides herself on her ability to listen to and understand the objectives of her clients, explain the litigation process in a straight-forward manner, and to develop a plan that uses creative and unique strategies to achieve successful results.

Prior to joining Archer, Vinita was a litigation and trial associate at a boutique trial firm, where she was on a defense team representing a Fortune 500 medical device manufacturer facing a multi-district litigation (MDL) with over 5000 plaintiffs. The defense team secured complete summary judgment for the manufacturer and the dismissal of all plaintiffs in the MDL.

While at the University of Minnesota Law School, Vinita served as a law clerk at the University of Minnesota Office of the General Counsel. She was also a judicial extern to then-Chief Judge Michael Davis in the United

States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Vinita is also pursuing a legal fellowship with the American Red Cross's International Humanitarian Law Team in Washington, DC.

Select Articles

- “1st Barrett Opinion Makes Gov’t Privilege Broader And Murkier,” *Law360* (March 2021)
- “Establishing an International Climate Court,” 34 *J. ENVTL. L. & LITIG.* (2019)
- “Biosimilars: Countering Shortages of Biotherapies in a Global and Local Context,” 57 *IDEA: FRANKLIN PIERCE FOR INTELL. PROP.* (2017)
- “Neglected Diseases: How Intellectual Property Can Incentivize New Treatment,” 16 *CHI-KENT INTELL. PROP.* 241 (2016)

Past Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- “Natural Resource Damages and NJDEP’s Affirmative/Impact Litigation,” New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Environmental Law Forum (June 2023)
- “Staying Out of Ethical Hot Water, Minnesota Litigators’ Discovery Playbook: Depositions, E-Discovery, Subpoenas, and More” (May 2023) (Virtual)
- “The Post-Bellum Big Stick: How recognition of the Taliban may provide greater protections to civilians and impel greater adherence to international laws and norms, Lessons from Afghanistan: International Conference,” hosted by Leiden University, The Netherlands (December 2021) (Virtual)
- “Ethics in Environmental Law,” New Jersey State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Forum (June 2021) (Virtual)
- “Contract Fundamentals A to Z: Breach of Contract and Choice of Law,” Minnesota State Bar Association (September 2019)
- “Complex Commercial Disputes: Lessons in Strategic Risk Assessment and Mitigation,” Minnesota State Bar Association (August 2019)
- “Cybersecurity and Medical Devices,” Minnesota State Bar Association, Food, Drug and Device Section (November 2016/November 2018)
- “Litigating Hate Crimes,” Minnesota State Bar Association (December 2017)



Credentials

Education

- University of Minnesota, JD
- University of British Columbia, BS

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- New Jersey

Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Litigation
- International Law

Industries

- Manufacturing

