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Overview

Vinita focuses her practice on complex environmental litigation, products liability and toxic torts matters. Vinita primarily represents clients pursuing and defending multi-faceted environmental matters, often involving complex site histories of contamination, numerous parties, as well as 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 pleadings, discovery requests and responses, motion practice, large scale document reviews and productions, 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. Vinita combines her interest in applying scientific principles to legal doctrines with her dedication to helping clients navigate these unique frameworks.

Prior to joining Archer, Vinita was a litigation and trial associate at a boutique trial firm, where she practiced products liability law defending manufacturers from a range of diverse industries. She was on a defense team representing a Fortune 500 medical device manufacturer facing a multi-district litigation with over 5000 plaintiffs. The 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 judicial extern to then-Chief Judge Michael Davis in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Outside of her legal practice, Vinita is passionate about local and international legal issues which led her to pursue a legal fellowship with the American Red Cross's International Humanitarian Law Team in Washington, DC (2021-2023), and a writing and advocacy internship with Food Tank (2024).

Professional and Community Involvement

- Programming Chair, South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia
- Board of Directors, New Jersey State Bar Association - Environmental Law Section
- Member, Advocacy Committee, Share Food Program - Philadelphia

Select Articles

- "Natural Resource Damages in New Jersey - Six Years After Litigation Revival, More Guidance Needed," *New Jersey Lawyer* (June 2024)
- "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)

Select Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- "The Evolving Role of Government in Environmental Litigation," NJSBA Annual Meeting & Convention (May 2024)
- "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," 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)

Recognitions

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*: Environmental Law (2024, 2025 Editions)

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Credentials

Education

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

Admissions

- Minnesota
- New Jersey

Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

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



Industries

- Manufacturing

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