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Alison's practice focuses on environmental compliance, transactions, remediation advice, and litigation.

She handles a wide range of environmental litigation, including Superfund litigation, governmental enforcement defense litigation, and private cleanup cost recovery litigation. She has experience in environmental regulatory counseling, including permitting and regulatory compliance assistance in areas of hazardous waste, air pollution control, water pollution control, toxic substances control, toxics in packaging, occupational safety, and health. Her practice also includes environmental transactional work, including environmental due diligence and drafting transaction documents. She has helped companies manage their environmental liabilities and implement environmental compliance programs.

Previously, Alison served as assistant regional counsel for Region 3 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she represented the EPA in civil enforcement actions. She calls upon her experience at the EPA to help clients faced with enforcement actions. Alison also has experience representing a Fortune 10 company on health and safety, air, water, and waste compliance issues.

Alison earned her Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University in 2004 and her J.D. from Temple University, Beasley School of Law in 2008. While in law school, Alison was a member of the *Temple Law Review* and co-chair of Temple's Environmental Law Society. Following law school, Alison served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald E. Bookbinder, Assignment Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in Burlington County.

Experience

Represented Spell Capital Partners, a Minneapolis-based private equity firm, in connection with its acquisition of Grigg Box Co., Inc. and Metro Packaging, Inc., providers of engineered wood and corrugated packaging to industrial customers based in Detroit. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, employee benefits, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, a Minnesota-based private equity firm, in connection with its acquisition of Complete Packaging, LLC, a full-service provider of custom industrial packaging solutions based in Monroe, Mich. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, tax, employee benefits, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Eurofins Scientific SE in its \$670 million acquisition of Covance Food Solutions from Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp). The transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, litigation, employee benefits and executive compensation, intellectual property, antitrust, and utility, environmental, and energy attorneys.

On behalf of Perdue AgriBusiness, LLC, secured from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection the first-ever Nonattainment New Source Review construction permit for a soybean vegetable oil manufacturing facility in the United States, and then defended the permit in a citizen's group challenge before the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board. The case was the first of its kind in the United States and centered on claims that the facility's air pollution controls were insufficiently stringent under Pennsylvania's Air Pollution Control Act and the federal

Practice Areas

- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Environmental Litigation & Enforcement
- Environmental Regulatory & Due Diligence
- Utility, Environmental & Energy

Industry Sectors

- Cannabis

Education

- Temple University—James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Syracuse University, B.A., 2004

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- New Jersey

Awards & Honors

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Star" 2017-2018

Clerkships

Honorable Ronald E. Bookbinder, Supreme Court of New Jersey

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Clean Air Act, Lowest Achievable Emission Rate requirements. Following a two-week *de novo* trial, featuring the direct testimony of eight expert witnesses for our client, and the cross-examination of three opposing expert witnesses, the Board affirmed the facility's permit on all issues. The decision sets the standard for air pollution control for vegetable oil manufacturing in the United States.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC in its acquisition of Viking Engineering & Development, Inc., a manufacturer of automated wood pallet and bedding manufacturer equipment. The transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, employee benefits, tax, real estate, intellectual property, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC in its acquisition of Inventure Foods, Inc. in a deal valued at \$165 million. The transaction was completed via a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of Inventure Foods common stock, followed by a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of Utz into Inventure Foods pursuant to Section 251(h) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Inventure Foods will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utz. Inventure Foods manufactures and sells salted snacks under the brands Boulder Canyon®, TGI Fridays™, Nathan's Famous®, Vidalia Brands®, Poore Brothers®, Tato Skins®, and Bob's Texas Style® and has manufacturing facilities in Arizona and Indiana. This complex and multi-faceted transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, tax, labor and employment, benefits, litigation, intellectual property, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented WWSC Holdings, LLC, one of the largest structural steel fabrication and erection companies in North America, in connection with the acquisition by Alleghany Capital Corporation of a majority interest in the company. This significant transaction drew upon the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, benefits, and environmental attorneys.