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Jessie Rosell concentrates her practice in environmental, litigation, and appellate matters, representing clients in negotiating administrative claims with federal and state environmental agencies, advising clients in initiating and maintaining environmental regulatory compliance programs, and assisting in complex environmental and toxic tort litigation in federal and state courts. Jessie advises clients on compliance and permitting under federal environmental laws and regulations, including the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund), and the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA).

Jessie's litigation experience includes complex toxic tort claims, including class actions, contribution claims under CERCLA and state counterparts, and general tort and business claims. Her work on complex environmental litigation includes pretrial discovery and motions practice, playing a key role in securing summary judgments and voluntary dismissals and defeating class certification at the pleadings stage. Jessie also assists in preserving issues for appeal at the trial court level and briefing appellate issues, including a successful brief in opposition to a petition for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. Jessie serves as an Adjunct Professor at Wichita State University, where she teaches on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jessie's extensive experience handling highly technical issues in state and federal regulatory matters and in litigation uniquely positions her to advise on emerging contaminants, particularly PFAS issues related to due diligence, regulatory compliance, remediation, and litigation avoidance. Her PFAS experience includes defending multi-thousand-plaintiff mass tort claims, class action litigation seeking remedial action and money damages, and a citizen suit seeking to prevent PFAS use, receipt, and discharge to surface water.

Areas of Focus

Services

[Contaminants & Toxic Torts](#)

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[Analysis & Recovery](#)

Jessie's experience with Superfund site issues includes successor liability, PRP liability allocation, orphan share issues, natural resource damages, cost recovery litigation, and negotiations with federal and state governmental agencies. She also regularly assists clients with environmental due diligence on real estate and corporate transactions. Her work includes review of environmental assessments, evaluation of potential environmental liabilities, and availability of landowner liability defenses.

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Jessie also focuses her practice on legal ethics and has provided counsel to law firms and individuals on issues of bar admissions, conflicts of interest and alleged violations of the rules of professional conduct. Jessie has been retained by clients as an authority on ethics matters and provides valuable insight on ethical issues. In her tort practice, Jessie assists with ethical duties including responding to subpoenas and preparation for testimony.

Experience

- Defended a chemical company against multiple class-action lawsuits filed in federal and state courts claiming exposure to chemicals used in fertilizer. Co-authored successful summary judgment motion in lead state court case and federal putative class action case, with the remaining claims voluntarily dismissed.
- Defended a national waste management company in a series of multiple-plaintiff claims under the Price Anderson Act alleging personal injury based on exposure to residual Manhattan Project waste, with claims ultimately dismissed.
- Co-authored a successful brief in opposition to a petition for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court on an issue under the Class Action Fairness Act.
- Researched and drafted issues certified to the South Carolina Supreme Court in an odor nuisance case regarding limits on damages for temporary nuisance and parameters of trespass and nuisance claims for a national waste management company.

Credentials

Education

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2008, cum laude
- Trinity University, B.A., Political Science; Spanish, 2005, magna cum laude
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Kansas
- Missouri

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

Recognition

- Missouri Lawyers Media, Top Legal Innovations Award, Emerging Practice Areas, PFAS
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Presentations

- Podcast Guest, "[SCOTUS overturns Chevron deference: Now what?](#)" Talking Under Water Podcast, July 19, 2024
 - Co-presenter, "[The PFAS Roadmap and Beyond: PFAS Regulatory Update](#)," Colorado Environmental Management Society Luncheon, April 12, 2022
 - Speaker, "Environmental Liability: Developments in Preemption of State Law," American Law Institute CLE, February 2014
 - Speaker, "Real Estate Law: Advanced Issues and Answers – Environmental Issues in Real Estate," National Business Institute, June 2013
 - Speaker, "Law and Risk Management: Environmental Law and Concerns," Building Owners and Managers Institute International, May 2013
 - Speaker, "Environmental Issues and Federal Regulations Affecting Real Estate Transactions," The Missouri Bar, February 2013
 - Speaker, "Hot Topics in Environmental Law," Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, June 2012
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Publications

- Co-author, "[EPA's 'Forever Chemicals' Rule at Risk Without Chevron Deference](#)," *Bloomberg Law*, July 11, 2024
- Co-author, "[Oral Arguments Signal Sea Change in Future of Administrative Law](#)," *Bloomberg Law*, January 22, 2024
- Co-author, "[State PFAS Requirements for Consumer Products Set to Go Into Effect in 2023 and Beyond](#)," ALM | Law.com, January 27, 2023
- Co-author, "[PFAS in Agriculture: What Agri-Business Sector Needs to Know about the Latest Emerging Contaminants](#)," Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City, November 29, 2022

- Co-author, "The PFAS and the Furious: Evaluating EPA's New PFAS Lifetime Health Advisories and Implications for the Future of PFAS Litigation," American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy & Resources (SEER), September 2022
 - Co-author, "Illinois Issues One of the Lowest Health Advisory Guidance Levels in the Nation," *Illinois State Bar Association Environmental Law Newsletter*, March 2021
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Professional Activities

- Lawyers Association of Kansas City, Young Lawyers Section, Board of Directors, 2011-2012

Community Involvement

- Music Theatre Wichita, Board of Directors, 2019- 2022
- Citizens of the World Charter Schools, Community Advocates Committee, 2014-2016