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Practices

Litigation, Energy, Environmental, Land Use & Development, Product Liability & Toxic Tort

Education

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1989

cum laude

Senior Editor, Tulane Environmental Law Journal

National Champion, Craven Moot Court Competition

University of New Hampshire, B.A., 1986

summa cum laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Presidential Scholar

About

Robin is Co Chair of the firm's Environmental and [Energy](#) Practice Groups with over 30 years of experience in advising clients on regulatory and permitting matters. Robin represents clients in proceedings before administrative agencies in addition to state and federal courts. Robin has handled some of the most complex and significant environmental

and energy matters in the region including permitting for the first offshore wind farm in the United States, the largest tort suit for groundwater contamination in Rhode Island, and the redevelopment of many acres of contaminated land for the construction of a national bank's headquarters. Robin also works on permitting for large renewable energy projects, including wind farms and solar facilities. Robin's experience in transactional and litigation matters, as well as her training as a mediator, provides her clients with unique guidance to solve their issues efficiently and creatively.

Robin serves on Hinckley Allen's Executive Committee.

Credentials

Work Experience

Hinckley Allen

- Executive Committee Member
- Co-Chair, Environmental and Energy Law Groups
- Partner (2006-Present)
- Associate (1989-1992)

Holland & Knight, LLP

- Partner (2001-2006)
- National Chair of Women's Initiative (2004-2006)
- Professional Development and Recruitment Committee (2004-2006)

McGovern, Noel & Benik (merged into Holland & Knight)

- Partner (1995-2001)
- Associate (1992-1995)

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers of America® (2007-2020)
 - Lawyer of the Year (2015-2016, 2018-2019)
 - Recognized for Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental categories
- Rhode Island Monthly, Professional Excellence in Law (2019)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Peer Review Rating, Recipient
- Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2010 Top Women in Law Award
- Providence Animal Rescue League, Stanley Mason Award (2009) for efforts made on behalf of animals
- Super Lawyers, Rhode Island (2008-2019)

Certifications

- Certified Mediator, Mediation Works, 2011

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Jamestown Education Foundation, Board of Directors (2013-2019)
- New England Environmental Business Council, Former Director
- Providence Animal Rescue League
 - Director (1994-2011)
 - Chair of Board of Directors (2007-2010)
- Rhode Island State Properties Committee (2015-Present)
- Rhode Island Chapter of U.S. Green Building Council, Past Director
- Rhode Island State Ethics Commission, Commissioner (1999-2004)
- Rhode Island Society of Environmental Professionals, Former Director
- Roger Williams Family Association, Member
- The Women's Fund of Rhode Island, Board Member (2011-Present)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association; Women in Products Liability Committee
- Federal Bar Association
- New England Business Association (formally known as SBANE) (2016-Present)
 - Chair
 - Board of Directors Member
 - Executive Committee Member
- Rhode Island Bar Association
- Rhode Island Women's Bar Association
- The Boston Club
- The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, Member

Bar Memberships

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist on Offshore Wind at 2015 Tulane Law School Energy and Environment Summit
- Presenter at Utility Contractors Association of New England Meeting, September 2012
- Moderator, *Ethical Considerations for Using Technology in Your Practice*
- Frequent lectures on environmental issues

- Frequent contributor to various publications on environmental issues

Experience

Representative Transactions

- Represented the first offshore wind farm in the United States in a complicated permitting process before the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council under the Council's then newly adopted Ocean Special Area Management Plan. Also successfully represented the wind farm before the Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court in cases challenging the permitting process
- Won a motion to dismiss under the statute of repose for a Massachusetts contractor improperly accused of transporting hazardous waste at a school site
- Routinely represents utilities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts before federal and state environmental agencies on permitting and the cleanup of legacy sites including former manufactured gas plant and holder sites
- Defense of a large construction company in a wetlands enforcement action involving the Army Corps of Engineers, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and numerous stakeholders on the rehabilitation of a river bed in western Massachusetts
- Helps construction companies in navigating environmental compliance issues and regularly represents construction companies in federal and state environmental enforcement actions under water, wetlands and remediation laws
- Successfully represented a large utility company at the trial court and on appeal to the state supreme court in a challenge to the scope of a 26 mile utility easement in central and southern Rhode Island
- Routinely advises businesses in defending against and in negotiating penalties in enforcement actions brought by federal and state environmental agencies involving releases of oil and hazardous materials, air discharges including asbestos, and water discharges
- Regularly counsels real property and financial institutions on handling and mitigating environmental risks associated with transactions including with the use of brownfields agreements and environmental insurance

Reported Cases

- Shields v. Deepwater Wind et al., (Rhode Island Supreme) 2015
- Chandler v. Nantucket Electric Company et al., (Mass Superior) 2013
- Ives v. Deepwater Wind et al, (RI Superior) 2013
- Corvello v. New Eng. Gas Co., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 102678 (2008)
- Narragansett Elec. Co. v. Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc., 563

F.Supp.2d 325 (2008)

- Charter Int'l Oil Co. v. Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co., 558 F.Supp.2d 209 (2008)
- Bond Opportunity Fund II, LLC v. Heffernan, 340 F.Supp.2d 146 (2004)
- A.T. Cross Co. v. Royal Selangor(s) PTE, Ltd., 217 F.Supp.2d 229 (2002)
- Aldridge v. A.T. Cross Corp., 284 F.3d 72 (2002)
- United States v. Davis, 31 F.Supp.2d 45 (1998)
- URI Cogeneration Partners L.P. v. Board of Governors for Higher Educ., 915 F.Supp. 1267 (1996)
- Nguyen v. Lewis/Boyle, Inc., 899 F.Supp. 58 (1995)
- Grady v. Narragansett Elec. Co., 962 A.2d 34 (2009)
- Graziano v. R.I. State Lottery Comm'n, 810 A.2d 215 (2002)
- Truk Away v. Macera Bros., 643 A.2d 811 (1994)
- Liberty Mut. Ins. Co. v. Black & Decker Corp., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 659 (2005)
- Bath Iron Works Corp. v. Certain Member Cos. of the Inst. of London Underwriters, 870 F.Supp. 3 (1994)
- In re Napp Technologies, Inc. Litigation, 338 N.J. Super. 176 (2000)
- Hotel Associates LLC v. HMS Associated Ltd. Partnership, 2004 WL 422812, R.I. Super. (2004)

Latest News & Insight

Publications

A Practical Guide to Land Use Law in Rhode Island, June 2, 2017

Robin L. Main, Providence "Lawyer of the Year" for Environmental Law 2015, May 1, 2015

Firm News

33 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized as 2019 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, November 4, 2019

56 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2020, August 15, 2019

38 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized as 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, October 18, 2018

51 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2019, August 15, 2018

Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, October 18, 2017

Best Lawyers Recognizes 8 Hinckley Allen Partners as "Lawyers of the Year" for 2018, August 22, 2017

52 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers of America, August 18, 2017

Hinckley Allen Partner Robin L. Main Named "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation – Environmental by Best Lawyers, August 17, 2015

Case Studies

Hinckley Allen Representing Royal DSM on \$2.6 billion Pharma Transaction

Hinckley Allen Helps Deepwater Wind Develop, Finance, and Construct the Country's First Offshore Wind Farm

Events

Training Program for Compliance Officer and Compliance Committee Members, March 21, 2012

Training Program for Compliance Officer and Compliance Committee Members, March 13, 2012



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