



Julianne M. Avery

Julie Avery is an associate with Keesal, Young & Logan in its Long Beach office. Julie focuses her practice on business litigation, maritime, environmental and renewable energy matters.

Environmental

Julie advises clients on compliance with a broad array of environmental laws, including Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Clean Air Act (CAA), and state equivalents, as well as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). She has defended against legal actions and enforcement matters involving U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and various state regulators such as the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, California State Water Resources Control Board, and California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Prior to joining Keesal, Young & Logan, Julie represented multiple clients at Portland Harbor Superfund Site during the CERCLA allocation process.

Renewable Energy

Julie represents companies in the renewable energy industry to draft and negotiate Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) agreements for multimillion dollar large-scale solar and onshore wind projects, including repower and related agreements. She has also defended renewable energy companies in multijurisdictional complex contractual disputes.

Insurance

Julie has a broad range of insurance coverage experience and has represented commercial policyholders in disputes under Directors & Officers, Representation & Warranties, and Commercial General Liability policies.

Employment Litigation & Advisory

Julie defends employment claims under federal and state regulations, including discrimination and wage and hour.

Memberships

- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Environmental Section Spring Symposium Committee, 2024-2025
- Women of Renewable Energy Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE), Member
- Women of CERCLA, Member

Speaking Engagements

- "ESG: Trends, Risks, and Coverage Issues," The Litigation Section of the American Bar Association, 2022 Women in Insurance Network, panelist (Oct. 2022)

Position

Associate

Recognitions

- Selected for inclusion as a Southern California Super Lawyer-Rising Stars (2023 – present)

Publications

- "Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council Provides Clarity on Renewable Energy Project Compliance with Statewide Planning Goals," coauthor (Oct. 2023)
- "PFAS Year-End Review: EPA Lays Groundwork for Tighter Regulatory Scrutiny," coauthor (Feb. 2023)
- "EPA Issues Historic Proposed Rule to Designate PFOS and PFOA as Hazardous Substances Under CERCLA," coauthor (Aug. 2022)
- "EPA and States Issue Temporary Policies: Air and Water Permit Compliance During COVID-19" (Apr. 2020)

Results

- Key member of team that obtained a \$1.5 million verdict in large energy company's favor in a franchise dispute.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of large regional grocery store chain client in antitrust class action related to price-gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Second-chaired arbitration hearing defending international energy company against environmental contamination claims and obtained award in client's favor.

Admissions

- California (2017)
- All United States District Courts in California
- Oregon
- Washington
- District of Columbia

Education

- J.D., Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law, *International and Comparative Law Certificate*. During law school, Julie served as an extern to Judge Amy D. Hogue at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, and as a full-time honors law clerk with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., where she worked for the Mobile Source Enforcement Branch of the Air Enforcement Division. She was also a member of the journal National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary (NAALJ).
- B.A., Colgate University, *cum laude*, Geology and Spanish minor

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