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BIO

Jen focuses her practice in the areas of employment-based immigration, business litigation and complex commercial litigation including the areas of business torts, class actions, contracts, oil and gas operations, and commercial real estate transactions.

Jen assists corporate clients with employment-based immigration petitions for employee beneficiaries and helping clients identify the best options for their immigrant and non-immigrant labor needs. She advises clients on visa requirements, adjustments of status, prepares petitions, responses to requests for evidence and advises clients from the time of initiating an employment offer to obtaining proper work authorization for a beneficiary.

She is an experienced litigator having represented clients in litigation matters for ten years in both state and federal courts including having represented clients before the Supreme Court of Virginia, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In her business litigation and real estate practice, Jen advises clients on contracts, leases, deeds and other corporate matters, representing clients from pre-litigation settlement negotiations to jury and bench trials. Jen also has extensive experience representing clients on regulatory matters before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

Prior to joining CowanPerry, Jen represented gas owners in a series of revenue accounting class action lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, clerked for the Honorable Patrick R. Johnson of the 29th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, and worked as a legal intern at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during law school. Jen has also taught Agriculture Law at Virginia Tech.

Jen is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Bar of Tennessee, and serves on the Barter Theatre Board of Trustees.

EDUCATION

Appalachian School of Law, JD, 2009

Vermont Laws School, Master of Studies in Environmental Law, 2006

University of Tennessee, BS, 2005

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

PUBLICATIONS

A Windfall for Coal Country? Exploring the Barriers to Wind Development in Appalachia, Downstream Strategies and The Mountain Institute (2012)