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Jennifer Nijman is a founding partner of the environmental firm Nijman-Franzetti LLP. She was formerly a partner and chair of the environmental practice group at the Chicago office of Winston & Strawn. She concentrates her practice in the areas of Environmental Law and Litigation.

Ms. Nijman has broad experience in litigation defense and enforcement issues, including common law liability and toxic tort, private cost recovery, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, underground storage tanks, and all aspects of CERCLA and the Superfund process. Her practice includes representing clients at permit and siting proceedings as well as serving as hearing counsel in these proceedings. Ms. Nijman has successfully represented clients in regulatory disputes and negotiations with both state and federal agencies and has implemented supplemental environmental projects/pollution prevention plans to reduce or eliminate fines and penalties. She counsels clients in compliance issues and in the development of environmental management systems.

A significant portion of Ms. Nijman's practice includes representing clients in the environmental aspects of corporate and real estate transactions. She works closely with consultants and clients to develop strategies for the acquisition and sale of contaminated property. She evaluates due diligence, prepares and negotiates environmental provisions of purchase and sale agreements, and works with environmental insurance products where appropriate. Her clients have included lenders, private equity companies, developers and corporations.

Ms. Nijman is a certified mediator through the Center for Conflict Resolution and an arbitrator and mediator for the American Arbitration Association. She served as President of the Chicago Bar Association in 2002–2003 and was appointed to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission for Access to Justice (2017–2023). She is a past President of the Board of the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois.

Ms. Nijman received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1987, and her B.A. from the University of Illinois in Champaign in 1984. She is a member of the Federal Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois and is admitted to the Illinois and Wisconsin Bar, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.