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Jessie King focuses her practice on environmental legal issues. A former chief attorney for the Environmental Quality Control Division of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), she has substantial experience helping companies and individuals obtain environmental permits, respond to notices of violation and environmental lawsuits, understand regulatory requirements, perform due diligence and negotiate business transactions.

Jessie's experience spans regulatory, litigation and transactional matters. She has worked with clients including manufacturers, landfill owners, miners, farmers, developers, landlords, tenants and banks on matters such as permitting, enforcement, compliance, Brownfields redevelopment, lending, foreclosure and bankruptcy. Her experience over the last 25 years spans matters affecting land, air and water including solid waste, hazardous waste, emerging contaminants, Superfund sites, air emissions permitting, discharge, stormwater and wastewater permitting, wetlands, underground and aboveground storage tank registration and permitting, and hazardous and toxic substance reporting.

Jessie has been recognized as a leading environmental attorney by *Chambers USA* (2017-present), named among *Columbia Business Monthly's* "Legal Elite" (2013-present) and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law and Litigation - Environmental (2018-present). In the 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, she was named the Columbia "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Environmental.

An active professional and community volunteer, Jessie is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia and has served on the board of the Columbia Development Corporation for almost 10 years.

She currently serves as the vice president and the 2021 president-elect of the Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association (CAPCA) and was a founding board member of the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) ? Midlands chapter. In addition, Jessie is currently an active member of the South Carolina Aggregates Association (SCAA), the South Carolina Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) ? Palmetto Chapter, the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA), the North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (NCMA) and the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) ? Southeast Chapter. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina and her Bachelor of Arts from Roanoke College.

Practice Areas

- Environment & Natural Resources
- Real Estate
- Manufacturing
- Economic Development
- Senior Housing Transactions
- White Collar and Investigations
- Private Equity and Venture Capital

Education

- University of South Carolina (J.D.)
- Roanoke College (B.A.)

Professional Affiliations

- Commercial Real Estate Women Midlands ? Board Member
- Board Member, Columbia Development Corporation
- Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association ? Board Member
- Solid Waste Association of North America
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce ? Environmental Technical Committee
- South Carolina Manufacturers Association
- North Carolina Manufacturers Association
- South Carolina Bankers Association
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Women's Law Association

Awards

- *Columbia Business Monthly* ? "Legal Elite of the Midlands," Environmental Law (2013-present)
- *Chambers USA* ? Environmental Law (2017-present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© ? Environmental Law; Litigation ? Environmental (2018-present)
- *Best Lawyers*® Columbia ?Lawyer of the Year? ? Litigation - Environmental (2020)