



## Lisa Uselton Dyar

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Lisa's environmental practice focuses on advancing clients' business objectives in a variety of industries. Lisa has extensive experience in all areas of environmental law, including permitting, enforcement, litigation, acquisitions, compliance, auditing, and rulemaking matters. Lisa has represented clients in obtaining permit authorization through Texas' contested case hearing process.

Early in her career, Lisa served as a senior enforcement attorney in the Litigation Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. There, she was recognized for her outstanding leadership as lead counsel for some of the agency's most complex and high-profile air and multimedia enforcement cases, and for drafting statewide consolidated environmental enforcement legislation, now codified in Chapter 7 of the Texas Water Code.

### Experience

Lisa has served clients on a wide range of environmental issues, including:

### PERMITTING

- Representing clients before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency in applications for air, water, and waste permit applications for major projects
- Leading and supporting clients in contested case hearings before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)
- Providing legal representation to obtain air and water permits for construction of world scale petrochemical complex

### Practice Areas

Environmental  
Land & Water  
Litigation  
Water Law

### Education

University of Texas School of Law,  
J.D., 1993  
University of Texas at Austin, B.A.,  
1990

### Admissions

#### BAR

Texas, 1993



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- Developing and advocating air quality permitting strategies for chemical companies
- Representing a global client in Class I underground injection control well issues
- Collaborating with engineering, geology, modeling and toxicology experts related to air and waste issues

## ENFORCEMENT

- Representing industrial clients and businesses in environmental enforcement cases before TCEQ, Texas Attorney General and EPA
- Strategic counseling and assistance related to regulatory and internal investigations
- Representing major energy client in Clean Air Act federal citizen suit
- Extensive experience related to episodic air emissions events
- Negotiating administrative and civil enforcement settlement agreements

## Acquisitions

- Advising clients in all phases of business transitions related to environmental issues

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Evaluating and protecting confidential business information, including trade secrets, under state and federal public information statutes

## REGULATORY

- Counseling clients regarding air, water, and waste regulatory requirements, guidance and interpretations
- Managing and supporting environmental compliance audits
- Advising clients on Title V compliance matters
- Preparing comments to proposed rulemaking, legislation, and advocacy initiatives

## News

McGinnis Lochridge recognized in Chambers USA 2022 Rankings  
June 3, 2022

McGinnis Lochridge recognized in *Chambers USA 2021* Rankings  
May 21, 2021

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McGinnis Lochridge Continues Growth with Addition of 5 Environmental Attorneys from Winstead  
January 27, 2020

### Publications

Co-Presenter, *Introduction to Environmental Law*, Girl Scouts of Central Texas, July 2022

Author and Presenter, *Environmental Issues for Small Businesses*, Irving Chamber of Commerce, August 2021

Author, *Texas Environmental Enforcement Update*, McGinnis Lochridge Producer's Edge, Vol. 3, Issue 1  
April 2021

McGinnis Lochridge Oil & Gas Newsletter: Producer's Edge, Vol. 3, Issue 1  
04.27.2021

Presenter, *Essential Elements of Navigating a Contested Case Hearing on a Compressed Timeline*, Austin Bar Association Anatomy of a Hearing Conference  
March 6, 2020

Author and Co-Presenter, *If You Want to Play in Texas: SB 709 – Who's In Your Band?*, 30th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference, Austin, Texas  
August 2, 2018

Co-Author, *Environmental Citizen Suits – A General Overview*, NRMCA ConcreteWorks 2015  
September 21, 2015

Co-Author, *The Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Solid and Hazardous Waste Issues*, 27th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference  
August 6, 2015

Co-Author, *You Can Lead Legislators to the Watering Hole, But You Can't Make Them Drink: Environmental Highlights From the 83rd Regular Legislative Session*, 25th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference  
August 1, 2013

Presenter, *Introduction to the Control of Air Quality Enforcement in Texas*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas  
January 2001

Presenter, *Air Quality Issues: Upset/Maintenance*, 12th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference, Austin, Texas  
August 2000

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Presenter, *Introduction to the Control of Air Quality Enforcement in Texas*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas  
July 1999

Panel Member, *Upset/Maintenance, malfunctions, Startups and Shutdowns*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Conference  
May 1999

Co-Author, 1993 Water Quality Update, State Bar of Texas Advanced Environmental Law Seminar  
January 1994

Author, *CERCLA Settlements and Potential Future Liability*, 23 St. B. Tex. Env'tl. L. J. 98  
1992

Author, *The Cost of Household Hazardous Waste Hits Home*, 22 St. B. Tex. Env'tl. L. J. 189  
1992

## Honors & Recognition

- *Chambers & Partners USA*, Environment, Band 3, 2022
- *Chambers & Partners USA*, Environment, Band 3, 2021
- *Chambers & Partners USA*, Environment, Band 4, 2020
- Listed in *Chambers and Partners USA Guide to America*, 2019
- Outstanding Leadership Award, Outstanding Women in Texas Government, 1998
- Alpha Phi Omega Active Service Award, Alpha Rho Chapter, 1988

## Community & Professional

- State Bar of Texas, Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Secretary
- Austin Bar Association, Environment, Natural Resources and Water Law Section
- Special Olympics of Texas