MAKING AN IMPACT:

HOW WOMEN LAWYERS CAN DRIVE CHANGE

featuring JEANNE COHN-CONNOR, ’84
Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Cohn-Connor will discuss her experiences as a lawyer in Big Law, insights from her journey practicing law in varied settings, and highlights from her pro bono practice.

Thursday, October 6, 2016
12:15 p.m.
Classroom V
Lunch will be provided

Jeanne Cohn-Connor is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in the environmental transactions group, where she has a sub-focus in environmental bankruptcy matters. She has a versatile practice and represents a broad range of clients in restructuring cases, corporate transactions, real estate matters, environmental enforcement cases, and compliance matters.

Most recently, Jeanne has served as lead environmental counsel for debtors in a number of high profile restructuring matters, including Energy Future Holdings and its affiliates, Sabine Oil & Gas Corp., Sherwin Alumina, and Edison Mission Energy and several of its subsidiaries. Jeanne also spearheaded the global environmental settlement for Tronox Incorporated and its affiliates, which involved the resolution of extensive environmental liabilities, initially estimated in the billions of dollars.

In addition to her client work, Jeanne maintains an active pro bono practice. She leads Kirkland’s Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) program which provides legal assistance to unaccompanied child immigrants. In 2014, Jeanne accepted KIND’s Allegiance Award for Kirkland’s efforts in representing unaccompanied minors through the immigration process.

Jeanne has been recommended by The Legal 500 U.S. in 2014 and 2015 for Environment: Transactional and Regulatory and has been recognized by leading legal publications for her environmental work. The Deal Pipeline recognized Jeanne for her principal role in the global environmental settlement for Tronox Incorporated in its Chapter 11 proceedings. Law360 also recognized Jeanne for her leadership of Tronox’s environmental settlement negotiations, which helped earn Kirkland a spot among Law360’s Environmental Groups of 2010. In addition, Jeanne has served as a panelist on internationally-broadcast television on pro bono immigration matters and she has been interviewed by various media for her pro bono immigration work, including The American Lawyer, NBC News, Al Jazeera America and Bloomberg News.

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