



# Alison Lecker

## Member

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Alison's practice focuses on environmental compliance, transactions, remediation advice, and litigation.

She handles a wide range of environmental litigation, including Superfund litigation, governmental enforcement defense litigation, and private cleanup cost recovery litigation. She has experience in environmental regulatory counseling, including permitting and regulatory compliance assistance in areas of hazardous waste, air pollution control, water pollution control, toxic substances control, toxics in packaging, occupational safety, and health. Her practice also includes environmental transactional work, including environmental due diligence and drafting transaction documents. She has helped companies manage their environmental liabilities and implement environmental compliance programs.

Previously, Alison served as assistant regional counsel for Region 3 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she represented the EPA in civil enforcement actions. She calls upon her experience at the EPA to help clients faced with enforcement actions. Alison also has experience representing a Fortune 10 company on health and safety, air, water, and waste compliance issues.

Alison earned her Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University in 2004 and her J.D. from Temple University, Beasley School of Law in 2008. While in law school, Alison was a member of the *Temple Law Review* and co-chair of Temple's Environmental Law Society. Following law school, Alison served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald E. Bookbinder, Assignment Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in Burlington County.

## Experience

Represented Lutze Inc., a leading provider of harsh environment cable and cable assembly solutions for high-technology applications in the industrial market, in its sale to Amphenol Corporation, one of the world's largest designers, manufacturers, and marketers of electrical, electronic, and fiber optic connectors and interconnect systems, antennas, sensors and sensor-based products, and coaxial and high-speed specialty cable. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, intellectual property, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC (NYSE: UTZ) and an affiliate of Utz in their \$19 million sale of two manufacturing plants to affiliates of snack maker Our Home. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Utz Brands, Inc. in its acquisition of the assets related to the Vitner's brand, and related distribution business of Snak-King Corp., for \$25 million.

Represented WWSC Holdings, LLC, one of the largest structural steel fabrication and erection companies in North America, in connection with the acquisition by Alleghany Capital Corporation of a majority interest in the company. This significant transaction drew upon the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, benefits, and environmental attorneys.

## Practice Areas

- Environmental Regulatory & Due Diligence
- Environmental Litigation & Enforcement
- Infrastructure

## Industry Sectors

- Cannabis
- Climate Change
- Renewable Energy

## Education

- Temple University—James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Syracuse University, B.A., 2004

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- New Jersey

## Awards & Honors

- 40 Under 40, *Philadelphia Business Journal* 2022
- Selected to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Star" 2017-2018  
*\* This award is conferred by Super Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology can be found here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*

## Clerkships

Honorable Ronald E. Bookbinder, Supreme Court of New Jersey

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Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC in its acquisition of Inventure Foods, Inc. in a deal valued at \$165 million. The transaction was completed via a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of Inventure Foods common stock, followed by a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of Utz into Inventure Foods pursuant to Section 251(h) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Inventure Foods will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utz. Inventure Foods manufactures and sells salted snacks under the brands Boulder Canyon®, TGI Fridays™, Nathan's Famous®, Vidalia Brands®, Poore Brothers®, Tato Skins®, and Bob's Texas Style® and has manufacturing facilities in Arizona and Indiana.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm, in its acquisition of Viking Engineering & Development, Inc., a manufacturer of automated wood pallet and bedding manufacturer equipment. The transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, employee benefits, tax, real estate, intellectual property, and environmental attorneys.

On behalf of Perdue AgriBusiness, LLC, secured from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection the first-ever Nonattainment New Source Review construction permit for a soybean vegetable oil manufacturing facility in the United States, and then defended the permit in a citizen's group challenge before the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board. The case was the first of its kind in the United States and centered on claims that the facility's air pollution controls were insufficiently stringent under Pennsylvania's Air Pollution Control Act and the federal Clean Air Act, Lowest Achievable Emission Rate requirements. Following a two-week *de novo* trial, featuring the direct testimony of eight expert witnesses for our client, and the cross-examination of three opposing expert witnesses, the Board affirmed the facility's permit on all issues. The decision sets the standard for air pollution control for vegetable oil manufacturing in the United States.

Represented Eurofins Scientific SE in its \$670 million acquisition of Covance Food Solutions from Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp). The transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, litigation, employee benefits and executive compensation, intellectual property, antitrust, and utility, environmental, and energy attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm, in connection with its acquisition of Complete Packaging, LLC, a full-service provider of custom industrial packaging solutions based in Michigan. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, tax, employee benefits, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm, in connection with its acquisition of Grigg Box Co., Inc. and Metro Packaging, Inc., providers of engineered wood and corrugated packaging to industrial customers based in Detroit. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, employee benefits, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC in its acquisition of Kitchen Cooked Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of snack foods serving Central Illinois and Eastern Iowa. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, intellectual property, employee benefits and executive compensation, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Agiliti Health, Inc., a nationwide provider of healthcare technology management and service solutions, in its acquisition of Mobile Instrument Service and Repair, Inc., a provider of surgical equipment repair to hospitals. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, and environmental attorneys.

Represented a provider of investment decision support tools for the private capital market in its sale of a substantial minority interest to a provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. The transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and

employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, and environmental attorneys.

Represented RecordTrak, Inc., a nationwide provider of record retrieval services for law firms and other companies, in its sale to Magna Legal Services, LLC, a portfolio company of middle market private equity firm CIVC Partners, L.P. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, intellectual property, health care, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented real estate developer Parkway Corporation in connection with the zoning, construction, leasing, and \$187 million financing of a new office tower at 2222 Market Street in Philadelphia. The 19-story tower will have 305,000 square feet of rentable space. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's real estate; construction; corporate; tax; bankruptcy, insolvency & restructuring; and environmental attorneys.

Represented Agiliti Health, Inc., a provider of medical equipment management services to the U.S. health care industry, in its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Surgical Systems, Inc., an Arizona-based surgical laser equipment and services company. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, real estate, environmental, intellectual property, and health law attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm, in the sale of Polar Plastics, LLC, a manufacturer of plastic film and low-density polyethylene packaging products, to Revolution, a provider of closed-loop plastic products serving the agricultural, consumer, and industrial markets. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, real estate, environmental, and intellectual property attorneys.

Represented Agiliti Health, Inc., an essential service provider to the U.S. health care industry, in its \$475 million acquisition of Northfield Medical, Inc., a nationwide repair service provider for medical devices. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, antitrust, tax, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, real estate, intellectual property, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Orthofin, LLC, a company affiliated with Lincotek Group SpA (an Italy-based global leader in contract manufacturing services for the aerospace and medical businesses), in its acquisition of a majority stake in Riepen LLC and other assets constituting the Danco Medical business. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, international, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, intellectual property, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Agiliti Health, Inc., a medical equipment management and services company, in its \$230 million acquisition of Sizewise Rentals, L.L.C., a manufacturer and distributor of specialty patient handling equipment. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate; employee benefits and executive compensation; labor and employment; tax; intellectual property; technology, privacy, and data security; real estate; litigation; environmental; antitrust, and health care attorneys.

Represented Utz Brands, Inc. (NYSE:UTZ) in its \$56 million acquisition of R.W. Garcia Holdings, LLC and certain real estate owned by a related entity. R.W. Garcia Holdings, LLC is a maker of Better-For-You tortilla chips, crackers, and corn chips. The acquisition included manufacturing facilities in Nevada and North Carolina. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate; tax; real estate; technology, privacy, and data security; intellectual property; labor and employment; business litigation; employee benefits and executive compensation; and environmental attorneys.

Represented AllOne Health Resources, Inc., a provider of workplace physical and mental health services, in the sale of its occupational health business to WorkCare, Inc., a U.S.-based occupational

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health company. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, environmental, intellectual property, and health care attorneys.

Represented Planet 13 Holdings Inc. (OTC: PLNH) in its \$91 million (CAD) acquisition of Next Green Wave Holdings Inc. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, employee benefits & executive compensation, capital markets & securities, labor & employment, real estate, environmental, and commercial litigation attorneys.

Represented Lincotek Surface Solutions, a global leader in contract manufacturing services for the aerospace and medical businesses, in its acquisition of Hitemco, LLC, a provider of diffusion and thermal sprayed enhanced surfaces. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, antitrust, environmental, real estate, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, and intellectual property attorneys.

Represented private equity firm Argosy Capital in its sale of Component Sourcing International, LLC, a manufacturer of custom components in a variety of product categories, to private equity firm CPC, LLC. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate; tax; antitrust; labor and employment; employee benefits and executive compensation; technology, privacy, and data security, intellectual property, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Ocean State Job Lot, owner of 150 major retail outlets and many shopping centers throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, in connection with the establishment of the company's first commercial condominium. The complex, multimillion-dollar transaction on Long Island, NY drew on the experience of the firm's real estate, government relations, commercial litigation, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Presbyterian Senior Living and its subsidiary, Pine Run Village, Inc., in the \$80.6 million acquisition from Doylestown Hospital of substantially all of the assets of a continuing care retirement community that included Pine Run Retirement Community and Pine Run Lakeview. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, business litigation, health law, environmental, employee benefits, labor and employment, public and project finance, tax, and real estate attorneys.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC (NYSE: UTZ) and certain of its affiliates in the \$167.5 million sale of certain assets and brands to Our Home™, an operating company of Better-for-You brands that includes Real Food From the Ground Up®, Popchips®, and Food Should Taste Good® (Our Home). Under the agreement, affiliates of Our Home purchased the Good Health® and R.W. Garcia® brands (including the entities that owned such brands); the Lincolnton, NC, and Lititz, Pa., manufacturing facilities; and certain related assets. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, real estate, tax, intellectual property, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, environmental, commercial litigation, and technology, privacy and data security attorneys.