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Ann Al-Bahish is an attorney with Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, PC, based in Houston, Texas. Ms. Al-Bahish has experience in environmental, commercial and tort litigation, including trial experience as first and second chair counsel.

Ms. Al-Bahish works on significant water pollution cases in New Jersey and Oregon. Ms. Al-Bahish obtained a complete defense verdict in a high profile New Mexico environmental contamination tort lawsuit involving multiple claimants and complicated expert evidentiary issues, including the successful court exclusion of an original published epidemiology study by the opposing side's expert witnesses. Ms. Al-Bahish also assisted with the trial of a CERCLA contribution lawsuit in the Eastern District of Texas. As part of her litigation practice, Ms. Al-Bahish worked with diverse expert testimony at all stages of litigation, including motions to exclude expert testimony and the defense of the admission of expert testimony under Daubert v. Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals and related state law rules and case law. Ms. Al-Bahish has represented a diverse array of clients throughout her career including upstream oil and gas concerns, large petrochemical companies, transportation and lumber companies, restaurants, universities, Internet companies, automobile manufacturers, governmental entities, health care organizations, nonprofit corporations and private individuals. Ms. Al-Bahish has augmented her environmental litigation practice, as well as her interests in environmental and public health, by pursuing a Ph.D. in public health at the University of Texas School of Public Health, majoring in health policy with minors in environmental health and epidemiology.

Ms. Al-Bahish graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in economics from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. After graduating cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1993, Ms. Al-Bahish began and has continued to practice law in Houston, Texas.

Ms. Al-Bahish has been very active in the community, especially in the area of public health, environmental policy and pro bono legal services. She was the Chair of the Board of Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston and is on a citywide commission to address homelessness and affordable housing. She has represented Justice for Children in several unique appeals involving children's rights and the admission of psychiatric and psychological testimony. She was awarded a Committee Newsletter Special Mention Award from the American Bar Association's International Section for her work on the Environmental Committee Newsletter, specifically

for collecting and editing environmental policy and law briefs from lawyers practicing around the world. Ms. Al-Bahish has also represented clients through Catholic Charities and YMCA International Services in political asylum, and Violence Against Women Act and human trafficking cases. She has travelled extensively to parts of the Middle East as well as Mexico and sub-Saharan Africa in connection with the study of and assistance with public health initiatives.

PRACTICE AREAS/EXPERIENCE

Ms. Al-Bahish has extensive litigation experience, particularly environmental litigation including CERCLA cases.

Environmental and Commercial Litigation: Ms. Al-Bahish has represented plaintiffs and defendants in numerous environmental claims including CERCLA, Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act and state common law claims. She has tried cases as either first or second chair and has handled multiple mediations and arbitrations in environmental, tort and commercial matters. Ms. Al-Bahish has substantial experience in working with expert testimony, medical issues, and property damage issues. Representative experiences include:

- Serving as Special Counsel to the State of New Jersey in pursuing, remediation costs, economic damages and natural resource damage assessment costs associated with the Passaic River and Newark Bay.
- Representing a client in significant clean-up and natural resource damages matters involving the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.
- CERCLA trial experience in the Eastern District of Texas representing a third-party plaintiff.
- Trial counsel and coordinator of medical causation/epidemiology and other scientific evidence in a high profile toxic tort case in which the jury returned a complete defense verdict. Argued and drafted multiple Daubert motions successfully.
- Favorable arbitration outcomes in CERCLA case involving pesticide formulation facility and commercial matter involving international shipping contracts.
- Represented energy companies in litigation arising from upstream activities, and obtained dismissals or favorably settled numerous cases.
- Performed environmental/corporate due diligence.

