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OVERVIEW

Tison Campbell is a partner in the firm's Environment, Land, and Natural Resources practice group. Tison focuses his practice on helping clients navigate the policy and regulatory challenges associated with nuclear facility licensing at the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and nuclear materials licensing at the NRC and in the Agreement States.

Prior to joining the firm, Tison spent more than 19 years at the NRC, where he served in various senior leadership roles in the Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication. In these roles, Tison supervised the agency's legal work related to international programs, ethics, legislation, rulemaking, the Agreement States, operating nuclear power plants, nuclear fuel-cycle facilities, low-level and high-level radioactive waste storage and disposal, and the use of nuclear materials.

Tison attended the International School of Nuclear Law (ISNL), established by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) in co-operation with the University of Montpellier, where he received his university diploma in International Nuclear Law. Tison also holds a B.S. in Physics, with distinction, from the University of Virginia.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Tison worked at the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the Office of the General Counsel in practice areas related to rulemaking, operating nuclear reactor regulation, the National Materials Program and interactions with Agreement State regulators, the nuclear fuel cycle, interactions with Congress, international law, and federal ethics.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Understanding the regulatory ecosystem: licensing and high level waste," Nuclear Energy: An Emerging Issue Forum, University of Wyoming, April 2026
- "What Regulatory Hurdles Exist for the Nuclear Renaissance?," 2026 Northeast Chapter Winter Summit, Energy Bar Association, March 2026

- "The next wave of energy transitions and international disputes - What about nuclear energy and its resurgence? What is going on in disputes relating to nuclear energy?," Kyiv Arbitration Days, December 2025
- "Pre-licensing and licensing SMRs: Siting, environmental reviews and public participation, Bridging Law and Technology: International Workshop for the Deployment of Small Modular Reactors," Nuclear Energy Agency, December 2025
- "Charting the Course: The Past, Present, and Future of Commercial Maritime Nuclear Propulsion," ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Nuclear Law Committee, K&L Gates, November 2025

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2006
- B.S., University of Virginia, 2003

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Virginia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- October 2026, Recent Developments in New York's Nuclear Power Industry, *Environmental Law in New York*
- 1 October 2026, Department of Energy Seeks Input on Opening Legacy Critical Mineral Inventories for Industry Use
- 21 September 2026, United States Opens a New Chapter in Civil Nuclear Cooperation With the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 26 August 2026, Navigating Nuclear: From Atoms for Peace to a New Course for Commercial Nuclear Shipping Under ATLAS
- 20 August 2026, Tennessee Establishes First-in-the-Nation State Regulatory Framework for Fusion Machines
- 29 July 2026, GOLD EAGLE Takes Flight: White House Launches AI-Enabled Cybersecurity Clearinghouse
- 27 July 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Streamlined NEPA Proposed Rules Add Complexity for Near Term Reactor Developer Applicants
- 22 July 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Updates in New Jersey
- 17 July 2026, People vs. Machines II: New York's Statewide Data Center Pause Signals a New Phase of Project Risk as Public Opposition Expands Nationally

- 7 July 2026 , Navigating Nuclear: A Leading Light for Nuclear Maritime Applications
- 22 June 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Updates in New York
- 15 June 2026, Navigating Nuclear: New York and New Jersey
- 8 May 2026, Navigating Nuclear: New Nuclear Regulations Expand Opportunities for Foreign Ownership and Investment
- 16 April 2026, Navigating Nuclear: White House Launches National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power
- 15 April 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Historic Funding Opportunities in Texas
- 7 April 2026, Navigating Nuclear: What Part 53 Previews for Future Rulemakings
- 2 April 2026, Unused Nuke Licenses Offer Shortcut For New Reactor Builds, *Law360*
- 31 March 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Highlights From NRC's 2026 Regulatory Information Conference
- 9 March 2026, Pressure to succeed: Small modular (nuclear) reactor approvals on the horizon?, *American Bar Association*
- 3 March 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Unused Combined Licenses Provide a Shortcut to New Builds
- 1 March 2026, International Nuclear Energy Update, *Pratt's Energy Law Report*
- 5 February 2026, Radiation Standard Shift Might Add Complications for COS, *Law360*
- 28 January 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Tennessee
- 8 December 2025, 2025 in Review: International Nuclear Energy Updates
- November 2025, Charting the Course: The Past, Present, and Future of Commercial Maritime Nuclear Propulsion
- 30 October 2025, US Government Announces Historic \$80 Billion Nuclear Partnership With Westinghouse Electric Company, Cameco Corporation, and Brookfield Asset Management to Construct AP1000 Reactor Fleet

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "[Unused Nuke Licenses Offer Shortcut For New Reactor Builds](#)," *Law360*, April 2026
- "[Unresolved Conflicts: How Revisiting NEPA Section 102\(2\)\(E\) Could Increase Efficiency, Simplify Government, and Save Taxpayers Money](#)," *NYU Environmental Law Journal*, 2010
- "[Radiation hardness of the PIBETA detector components](#)," December 2002

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 May 2026, Powering the Future: Energy, Infrastructure, and the Next Generation of Development in the DMV
- 9 September 2025, K&L Gates Adds Nuclear Regulatory Lawyer in Washington, DC

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 25 September 2026, *POLITICO* | US nuclear regulator turns to AI to speed policy change
- 21 September 2026, *The Dow Jones Newswire* | U.S. Uranium Conversion in Focus as Russian Import Ban Looms
- 3 April 2026, *Facilities Dive* | Fast-tracking nuclear facilities raises worker safety concerns
- 25 February 2026, *E&E News* | Utah requests NRC authority to regulate nuclear power
- 28 January 2026, *NPR* | The Trump administration has secretly rewritten nuclear safety rules

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "[Westinghouse Enters Partnership for \\$80 Billion of New Nuclear Reactors](#)," *POWER Magazine*, 29 October 2025
- Quoted, "[Trump Uses Government-Investing Push to Boost Nuclear Industry](#)," *Bloomberg Law*, 28 October 2025

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals
- Energy
- Nuclear Energy
- Power