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LEGAL SERVICES

Environmental Litigation

Environmental & Natural Resources

Real Estate & Land Use Law

Administrative & Regulatory Law

EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 1983

B.A., Economics, Pitzer College, 1979

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

American Bar Association

Multnomah Bar Association

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America

2009-2022, Environmental Law

2009-2022, Land Use & Zoning Law

2021, Layer of the Year – Environmental Law, Portland

Chambers USA: America's

Leading Lawyers

2006-2021, Environment

Oregon State Bar

2013, President's Sustainability Award

2010, Sustainability Leadership Award

Multnomah County

2013, Volunteer Award

2011, Volunteer Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Oregon State Bar

Real Estate & Land Use Section, Member

Environmental & Natural Resources Section, Member

Sustainable Future Section Member

2015-2017, Executive Committee Treasurer

Max is a member of the firm's Environmental & Natural Resources Practice Group. His experience includes both transactional counsel and litigation representation. Using his extensive knowledge in environmental, natural resources, energy, and land-use law, he helps businesses resolve disputes regarding federal, state, and local regulations. The industries of Max's clients include manufacturing, renewable energy, real estate development, petroleum, auto, forestry, and forest products.

Max regularly works with regulatory agencies in several states to address complex hazardous waste and air and water pollution matters. His practice background includes:

- Purchase, sale, remediation, and repurposing of environmentally impacted industrial properties
- Environmental agency claims, agency enforced remedial and removal actions under Superfund and RCRA and voluntary clean ups
- Private cost recovery lawsuits and citizen suits
- Environmental permits
- Sustainability advice

Representative Matters

The Portland Harbor Superfund site.

Conversion of brownfields to new residential and commercial development, including prospective purchase agreements.

Sale of large group of automobile dealerships.

Defended citizens' suits alleging Clean Water Act violations.

EPA ordered emergency removal at a precious metals lab and a mining facility.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act cleanup of a disposal site.

Purchase, sale, ground-leasing, and remediation of several environmentally impacted industrial, manufacturing, and petroleum dispensing properties.

Federal and state permitting related to timberlands and manufacturing facilities.

Siting and permitting for renewable energy facilities.

Lacey Act compliance.

Removal of TSCA wastes from a mill pond.

Establishment of sandhill crane preserve.

American Bar Association
Environment, Energy, and Resources
Section
Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
Section

Multnomah Bar Association

Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future
Green Team Task Force

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Faithful Friends PDX
2017-Present, Board Member

1000 Friends of Oregon
Past Cooperating Attorney

Friends of the Children
Past Member, Endowment Committee

The Right Brain Initiative
2009-2015, Governing Committee
2011-2013, Chair, Development
Committee
2010-2012, Secretary

City of Portland
2011-2013, Mayor's Economic Cabinet

MetroArts, Inc.
2000-2014, Secretary

Business for Culture and the Arts
2004-2010, Board Member
2008-2010, Board Chair

Regional Arts and Cultural Council
2009-2015 Board Member, Secretary,
Vice Chair, Nominating Committee

Oregon Episcopal School
1997-1999, Board of Trustees

Presentations & Publications

["Night of the Corporate Zombies – How Undead Corporations Can Help Fund Oregon's Environmental Cleanup,"](#) Ear to the Ground, June 2021

["Wave Energy Could Be Close By,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, March 2021

["Cranes and Cows,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, November 2020

["Building in the Time of COVID-19,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, March 2020

["Preserve Suburban Farms or Advance Suburban Low Income Housing?"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, February 2020

["Is Pre-Fab Coming of Age?"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, August 2019

["Where Will Right Brainers Thrive?"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, February 2019

["A Fresh View of Sichuan's Air Pollution Solutions,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, November 2018

["Worker Shortage Hits Portland Builders Two Ways,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, August 2018

["Conserving the White Oak,"](#) Ear to the Ground Blog, April 2018

["Determining Who Pays for Environmental Remediation: Legal and Technical Issues,"](#) 22nd Annual Superfund in Oregon Conference, October 2016

["What Does the Papal Encyclical, Laudato Si', Say to Lawyers?,"](#) The Long View, Oregon State Bar Sustainable Future Section, Summer 2015

["Determining Who Pays for Contaminated Sediment Cleanup,"](#) Cascade Luncheon, Northwest Environmental Business Council, June 2015

["The Portland Harbor Superfund Site,"](#) Multnomah Bar Association, November 2014

["Decker v. NEDC,"](#) Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section E-Outlook, Oregon State Bar, April 2013

["Tax Credit May Give Wind Energy a Gust,"](#) Daily Journal of Commerce, January 2013

["Encouraging Lawyers to Adopt Sustainability Goals,"](#) Sustainability: The Journal of Record, October 2011

