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### **Gus is a well-rounded, creative, and energetic environmental lawyer.**

He provides solutions-oriented legal representation on a range of issues to clients in many industries. His broad practice spans litigation, enforcement defense, and regulatory compliance counseling.

Gus advises clients on complex contaminated site cleanups, liability management, and litigation under CERCLA and similar state statutes, including MTCA. Gus is a co-chair of the firm's CERCLA, Brownfields, and Subsurface Contamination practice group. He also participates in an advisory group for the Washington Department of Ecology in connection with amendments to the state contaminated site cleanup regulations.

Other elements of Gus's practice include counseling clients facing multi-faceted enforcement and regulatory compliance issues under federal and state hazardous waste, water quality, air quality, and climate change laws, and he has experience in natural resource management matters.

Prior to law school, he worked as an environmental consultant in Seattle.

### **Education**

- Stanford University (B.A., *with Honors*, 2005)
  - History
- University of Michigan (M.S., 2013)
- University of Michigan (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Washington

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court – Western District of Washington

### **Professional Affiliations & Activities**

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

- King County Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Section (Secretary, 2014-2016)
- Washington State Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law Section
- Washington State Department of Ecology, Model Toxics Control Act Stakeholder & Tribal Advisory Group Member

## Honors & Awards

- "Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch," a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation (2023-2025)
- *Super Lawyers*, part of Thomson Reuters, Washington Rising Star (2017-2023)
- Featured in *Bloomberg Law's* "[They've Got Next: Five Fresh Faces to Know in Environmental Law](#)" (2021)

## Publications

December 20, 2024

### **Washington Department of Ecology to Update to Organic Materials Management Rules to Reduce Potential Feedstock Contamination**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 10, 2024

### **Washington's Department of Ecology Requests Public Input on Clean Vehicles Program Rulemaking**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 2, 2024

### **Oregon Pursues Listing PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under State Cleanup Law**

Beveridge & Diamond

October 23, 2024

### **Rulemaking Alert: Plan to Reduce Emissions in Overburdened Communities under Washington's Climate Commitment Act**

Beveridge & Diamond

February 9, 2024

### **Washington Identifies Screening Tools for Initial Contaminated Site EJ Assessments**

Beveridge & Diamond

February 8, 2024

**EPA Proposes Cleanup Authority Expansion Under RCRA for PFAS and Other Emerging Contaminants**

Beveridge & Diamond

January 3, 2024

**Washington Initiates Sustainable Aviation Fuel Rulemaking Under State's Clean Fuel Standard Program**

Beveridge & Diamond

Updated on October 24, 2023

**Vehicle Fleet Reporting Requirements in Washington State**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 28, 2023

**MTCA Gets a Makeover: Ecology Finalizes First Major Updates to Washington Cleanup Rule in 20 Years**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 17, 2023

**EPA Seeks Comments on Potential Changes to the RCRA Definition of Empty Containers and Standards for Managing Used Containers**

Beveridge & Diamond

April 13, 2023

**EPA Seeks Comments on Potential Designation of Additional PFAS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances**

Beveridge & Diamond

January 31, 2023

**Washington District Court Reversal on MTCA Liability for Smokestack Emissions**

Beveridge & Diamond

January 5, 2023

**Washington State Issues Draft Guidance for PFAS Investigation and Remediation**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 20, 2022

**Appeals Court Upholds Penalty Against Members of LLC that Owned Landfill for Violations of Oregon's Landfill Closure Law**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 19, 2022

**EPA Amends All Appropriate Inquiries Standard for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 14, 2022

**Washington Supreme Court Affirms Ecology's Authority to Bypass Rulemaking When Requiring New PCB Sampling Methods Under CWA Permits**

October 13, 2022

**MTCA Liability for Smokestack Emissions**

Beveridge & Diamond

February 1, 2022

**Oregon Court Faults DEQ for Procedural Violations in Solid Waste Permitting Decisions**

Beveridge & Diamond

November 1, 2021

**PFAS Determined To Be Hazardous Substances Under Washington's Cleanup Law**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 17, 2021

**Practical Tips for Managing the Risks of PCBs in Building Materials**

Beveridge & Diamond

July 21, 2021

**EPA Headquarters Prods Cleanup Programs on Enforcement to Strengthen EJ**

Beveridge & Diamond

June 16, 2021

**Oregon Increases Access to Historical Insurance Assets for Cleanup Liabilities**

Beveridge & Diamond

June 3, 2021

**Washington Department of Ecology Releases Draft Green Remediation Guidance**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 25, 2021

**Supreme Court Clarifies That Only CERCLA Settlements Trigger Contribution Claims**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 20, 2021

**Washington Department of Ecology Proposes Model Remedy to Address Legacy Contamination from Orchards**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 18, 2021

**Washington Joins Chorus of States with Major Environmental Justice Laws**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 18, 2021

**Fourth Time's The Charm: Washington Enacts Clean Fuels Program, Creating West Coast Market For Low-Carbon Transportation Fuels**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 18, 2021

**Washington Adopts Economy-Wide Climate Legislation: "Cap-and-Invest" Approach Sets a Price For Carbon Emissions And Allows Washington To Join Existing Emissions Credit Markets**

Beveridge & Diamond

October 27, 2020

**Climate Change Litigation: Oregon Rejects Expansion of Public Trust Doctrine**

Re-published in the Oregon State Bar Association Environmental & Natural Resources Section's *E-Outlook*

October 16, 2020

**Oregon Releases Updated Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance**

Re-published in the Oregon State Bar Association Environmental & Natural Resources Section's *E-Outlook*

July 14, 2020

**Washington Launches Expedited Voluntary Cleanup Program**

Beveridge & Diamond

July 14, 2020

**Oregon Supreme Court Applies Landfill Closure Requirements Broadly in *Kinzua Resources, LLC v. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality***

Beveridge & Diamond

April 21, 2020

**Supreme Court Rules that Landowners at a CERCLA Site Cannot Require Additional Cleanup under State Law without Advance EPA Approval**

April 13, 2020

**Court Finds American Lobster Fishery Requires Incidental Take Statement for Impacts on Endangered North Atlantic Right Whale**

Beveridge & Diamond

January 22, 2020

**Washington's Clean Air Rule: State Supreme Court Invalidates Key Components of Climate Change Regulation**

Beveridge & Diamond

December 5, 2019

**MTCA: A Citizens' Initiative Shaped by Agency Action**

Beveridge & Diamond

November 18, 2019

**Washington's Voluntary Cleanup Program: Further Action Needed?**

Beveridge & Diamond

November 12, 2019

**Proposed Changes to Effluent Limit Guidelines for Steam Electric Power Generating Facilities**

Beveridge & Diamond

November 1, 2019

**Washington's Model Toxics Control Act: Transforming Contaminated Sites into Community and Environmental Assets**

Beveridge & Diamond

September 5, 2019

**"Broken Link in the Chain of Liability": MTCA Decision Highlights Intricacies of Corporate Law**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 28, 2019

**Seventh Circuit Rejects CERCLA Claims Filed Nineteen Years After Settlement**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 12, 2019

**Carbon Markets Roundup**

Beveridge & Diamond

April 15, 2019

**Despite Sophisticated Acquisition Contract, Allocation of CERCLA Liability Unclear**

Beveridge & Diamond

February 20, 2019

**Port of Ridgefield Sues Railroad, Takes Nothing Under MTCA**

Beveridge & Diamond

August 2018

**Regional Reports: Region 10**

ABA Air Quality Committee Newsletter

July 2018

**Carbon Markets Roundup**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 30, 2018

**Legal Whipsaw in Washington Sawmill Case: State Supreme Court Decision  
Fundamentally Changes the Scope of Liability under MTCA**

Beveridge & Diamond

March 30, 2018

**Judge Becomes Student in Climate Change Lawsuit “Tutorial” and Other Recent Updates**

Beveridge & Diamond

March 8, 2018

**For the First Time, U.S. EPA Proposes to Add a Site to the National Priorities List Solely  
Based on the Risk Posed by Vapor Intrusion**

Beveridge & Diamond

March 2018

**Carbon Markets Roundup**

Beveridge & Diamond

November 2017

**Regional Reports: Region 10**

ABA Air Quality Committee Newsletter

August 2017

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February 2017

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November 2016

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