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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

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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

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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

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August 17, 2021

Practical Tips for Managing the Risks of PCBs in Building Materials

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July 21, 2021

EPA Headquarters Prods Cleanup Programs on Enforcement to Strengthen EJ

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June 16, 2021

Oregon Increases Access to Historical Insurance Assets for Cleanup Liabilities

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June 3, 2021

Washington Department of Ecology Releases Draft Green Remediation Guidance

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May 25, 2021

Supreme Court Clarifies That Only CERCLA Settlements Trigger Contribution Claims

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May 20, 2021

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

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May 18, 2021

Washington Joins Chorus of States with Major Environmental Justice Laws

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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

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July 14, 2020

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

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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

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January 22, 2020

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

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December 5, 2019

MTCA: A Citizens' Initiative Shaped by Agency Action

Beveridge & Diamond

November 18, 2019

Washington's Voluntary Cleanup Program: Further Action Needed?

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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

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April 15, 2019

Despite Sophisticated Acquisition Contract, Allocation of CERCLA Liability Unclear

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February 20, 2019

Port of Ridgefield Sues Railroad, Takes Nothing Under MTCA

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August 2018

Regional Reports: Region 10

ABA Air Quality Committee Newsletter

July 2018

Carbon Markets Roundup

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May 30, 2018

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

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March 30, 2018

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

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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**

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March 2018

Carbon Markets Roundup

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November 2017

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August 2017

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ABA Air Quality Committee Newsletter

February 2017

Regional Reports: Region 10

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November 2016

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