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### **Chris combines government experience, private practice, and scientific training to assist clients in environmental litigation.**

His work focuses on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) litigation, as well as civil and criminal investigations involving other environmental statutes.

He has experience leading trials, preparing witnesses, briefing dispositive motions, facilitating discovery, and conducting internal investigations.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Chris served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, representing the State of Washington in felony and misdemeanor criminal cases. He began his environmental law career as a Legal Intern at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Region 4, where he produced memos on public trust, hazardous waste management, and CERCLA liability. Chris also served as a law clerk for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Oregon, drafting research memos for civil and criminal cases.

Before his legal career, Chris worked as a marine biologist studying sharks in The Bahamas and salmonids in California. During this time, he co-authored a scientific publication analyzing the migratory patterns of great hammerhead sharks. Chris uses his scientific experience to inform his legal practice and is passionate about blending these two disciplines.

Outside of the office, Chris enjoys hiking, sailing, and SCUBA diving.

### **Education**

- University of Oregon (B.S., 2013)
  - Biology
  - Minor, Chemistry
- Lewis & Clark (J.D., *cum laude*, 2021)
  - Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Certificate
  - *Environmental Law Review* - Associate Editor

## Bar Admissions

- Washington

## Publications

May 16, 2025

### **DOJ's Smallest Largest Priority: Pangolins**

Beveridge & Diamond

May 14, 2025

### **Maryland Becomes Sixth State to Enact Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility, Washington Expected to Follow**

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December 20, 2024

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

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December 19, 2024

### **City in Washington Votes to Grant Local River Legally Enforceable Right to Exist**

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March 12, 2024

### **DOJ Announces Continued Focus on Curbing White Collar Crime**

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February 9, 2024

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

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