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Chris focuses his practice on environmental litigation in the West Coast.

Prior to joining B&D, 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 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability.

Chris uses his scientific experience to inform his legal practice and is passionate about blending these two disciplines. 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 also served as a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Oregon, drafting research memos for civil and criminal cases.

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

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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