



## Craig S. Trueblood

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Craig Trueblood led the firm's environment, land use and natural resources practice group from 2004 through 2012. He practices exclusively in environmental, land use, real estate and natural resource law and litigation, focusing on air quality, water quality, Superfund, natural resources restoration, NEPA/SEPA, and siting complex facilities such as incinerators, wastewater treatment plants, landfills, marine terminals, telecommunication facilities and mixed-use developments. He provides counsel to a diverse group of public and private clients with interests in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. These clients include BNSF Railway Company, Pacific Crossing, Inc., Dell, Microsoft, Google, City of Bothell, Invesco, Solvay U.S.A., Vigor Industrial, and City of Spokane. Craig represented a coalition of Washington and Oregon cities, counties and private companies before the U.S. Supreme Court in *City of Chicago v. EDF* regarding regulatory designation of municipal incinerator ash as "hazardous waste."

Craig served as the firm's managing partner for the Spokane office until he relocated to Seattle with his family in 1999. He was an adjunct professor of environmental law at Gonzaga University School of Law from 1995-1998. His employment before joining K&L Gates included the Idaho Attorney General's Office, Natural Resources Section (1985-1988); the Office of the General Counsel, Bonneville Power Administration (1984-1985); and executive director for the Northwest Environmental Defense Center (1983-1985). In 2003, Craig was recognized by Lewis & Clark Law School as a Distinguished Environmental Law Graduate. He is also ranked as a top environmental lawyer by *Chambers USA* and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2007.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Distinguished Environmental Graduate Award (2003)
- Environmental Law Certificate (1985)
- Marine Science Certificate (1981)

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Executive Committee and Legislative Committee, Environmental and Land Use Section, Washington State Bar Association (1996-1999)
- General Counsel, Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (1993-date) (pro bono)
- General Counsel, Bainbridge Island Land Trust (2010-date) (pro bono)
- Member, Area-Wide Soil Contamination Taskforce, Washington State Departments of Ecology, Health, Agriculture and Community, Trade and Economic Development (2002-2003)
- Member, Special Committee on Smart Growth and Urban Policy, American Bar Association (2003-2005)
- Distinguished Environmental Law Graduate Award, Lewis & Clark Law School (2003)
- President and Board of Directors, Beta Alpha Building Corporation of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (2001-2010)
- Board of Directors, Northwest Environmental Business Council (2002-2008)
- President, Treasurer and Board of Directors, Arboretum Foundation (2008-2016)

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 1985 *Environmental Law Certificate* 1985, *Distinguished Environmental Graduate Award* 2003
- B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 1982 *Biology, Marine Science Certificate*

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Idaho
- Bar of Oregon
- Bar of Washington
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Idaho
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- May 2021, May 2021 Accolades
- 1 February 2021, Clean Water Act Permits for Discharges to Groundwater: EPA Issues Guidance on County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund
- 10 July 2020, Washington State Department of Ecology Releases First-Ever Water Quality Standards Variances for PCBs
- 24 June 2020, Keeping "PACE" in Commercial Real Estate Improvements: A Primer on the New Washington Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program
- 28 April 2020, Muddied Groundwater: New Supreme Court Test Adds Confusion and Uncertainty to Clean Water Act Permitting Jurisdiction
- 27 April 2020, U.S. Supreme Court Requires EPA Approval of State Law Remedy for Extra Cleanup at ARCO's Anaconda Smelter CERCLA Superfund Site
- 10 February 2017, Sea Change: Washington Supreme Court Decision Affects Coastal Energy Projects
- 22 December 2015, Defining the Scope of Waters of the United States: Supreme Court to Decide Whether Federal Courts Will Be Able to Review Clean Water Act Jurisdictional Determinations

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Permitting for Energy Projects on Washington's Coast," *NWLawyer*, July/August 2017
- Contributing Editor and Author, *Model Toxics Control Act Handbook*, Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP (2003)
- Author, *Real Property Deskbook*, Chapter 39 Toxic Substances Control Act (Washington State Bar Association, 2002)
- Author, *Washington Environmental Law Deskbook*, Chapter 10 Agriculture, (Association of Washington Business 1996)
- Co-editor, *Real Property Deskbook* (Washington State Bar Association, 1996)
- Author, *Washington Environmental Handbook*, Chapter 3 Air Pollution Control, (Government Institutes, 1992)
- Co-author, *Washington Environmental Handbook*, Chapter 9 Hazardous Waste Management (Government Institutes, 1992)
- Author, *Property Rights '91: Superfund Liability and the Role of Site Assessments* (Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture Bureau, 1991)
- Author, *Washington State Hazardous Waste Program: Differences Between State and Federal Regulations* (Washington State University, 1989)

- Author, *Allocation of Responsibility Among Potentially Responsible Parties at Superfund Sites* (Washington State Bar Association, 1989)

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
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- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 21 May 2021, K&L Gates Policy and Regulatory Practice, Lawyers Ranked Among Leaders in 2021 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 26 April 2019, *Chambers USA* 2019 Guide Ranks K&L Gates, Lawyers Among Leaders
- 23 June 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in *Chambers USA* 2016 Guide
- 20 May 2015, *Chambers USA* 2015 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates, Lawyers as Industry Leaders

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Appellate Litigation
- Corporate Sustainability
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
- Offshore Wind Energy
- Power
- Rail and Roads
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Development and Construction
- Water and Wastewater