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OVERVIEW

Matthew Clark is an associate in the Seattle office of K&L Gates in the Environment, Land, and Natural Resources practice group. Matt's practice focuses on environmental litigation, regulatory compliance, transactions involving energy and infrastructure, environmental permitting, natural resource development, and land use. Matt also maintains a practice in the firm's broader complex commercial disputes, providing strategic pre-litigation and litigation advice to clients. In addition, Matt is a member of K&L Gates' budding sports law practice group.

Notably, Matt assists clients navigating long-term sustainability concerns that intersect with transitioning to renewable energy and environmental justice.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

As a summer associate at the firm, Matt supported several associates and partners from different practice groups. In addition to his law degree, Matt earned a Graduate Certificate in Environment and Society from Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values at the University of Notre Dame. Before attending law school, Matt worked as a program manager at an engineering non-profit organization, the National Society of Black Engineers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Environmental Law in Seattle, 2024
- Next Generation in Law, Puget Sound Business Journal, September 2022
- National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, Washington, 2020-2023
- Diversity Fellow at K&L Gates, 2017
- Winner of the Notre Dame Baseball Salary Arbitration Competition and competitor at the 10th Annual International Tulane Baseball Salary Arbitration Competition
- National Society of Black Engineer's Executive Award for Exemplary Leadership

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Co-Chair for Mid-Year Conference, Washington State Bar Association Environment and Land Use Law Section
- Executive Board Member, Legal Foundation of Washington
- State-wide Co-Chair, Associates Campaign, Campaign for Equal Justice (2021)
- Non-Profit Board Vice President, Northwest Seattle Little League
- Member at Large, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, American Bar Association (2021)
- Committee Member, Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon Committee, King County Bar Association (2020-2023)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, Environmental Justice in the United States, Private CLE, January 2023
- Presenter, The War in Ukraine and Energy Transitions, Washington State Bar Association CLE, December 2022

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, 2018
- B.A., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2014

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 10 August 2023, The White House Continues to Advance NEPA Reform With CEQ's Proposed NEPA Phase Two
- 5 June 2023, Debt Ceiling Legislation Serves as a Vehicle for Substantive Changes to NEPA
- 25 January 2023, January 2023 Accolades
- 21 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 110
- 9 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 109

- 1 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 108
- 28 September 2022, The Energizer - Volume 107
- 19 September 2022, The Energizer – Volume 106
- 28 July 2022, The Energizer – Volume 105
- 11 July 2022, The Energizer – Volume 104
- 7 July 2022, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 6
- 30 June 2022 , The Energizer – Volume 103
- 16 June 2022, The Energizer – Volume 102
- 31 May 2022 , The Energizer – Volume 101
- 18 May 2022 , The Energizer – Volume 100
- May 2022, May 2022 Accolades
- 31 March 2022, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Proposes "Endangered" Listing for Northern Long-Eared Bat
- 24 January 2022, Energy Storage Handbook 2022
- 11 January 2022, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 5
- 5 November 2021, The Energizer – Volume 99
- 30 September 2021, The Energizer – Volume 98
- 13 September 2021, The Energizer – Volume 97
- 2 September 2021, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 4
- 20 August 2021, The Energizer – Volume 96
- 6 August 2021, The Energizer – Volume 95
- 27 July 2021, The Energizer – Volume 94
- 9 July 2021, The Energizer – Volume 93
- 28 June 2021, The Energizer – Volume 92
- 16 June 2021, Inherent Tribal Authority Includes the Power to Protect Tribal Communities by Detaining and Investigating Non-Indians for Violations of Federal and State Law
- 11 June 2021, The Energizer – Volume 91
- 28 May 2021, The Energizer – Volume 90
- 13 May 2021, The Energizer – Volume 89

- 22 April 2021, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 3
- 22 April 2021, The Energizer – Volume 88
- 8 April 2021, The Energizer – Volume 87
- 22 March 2021, The Energizer – Volume 86
- 9 March 2021, The Energizer – Volume 85
- 25 February 2021, Talking Sports Law: A Conversation with NCAA Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy
- 22 February 2021, The Energizer – Volume 84
- 5 February 2021, The Energizer – Volume 83
- 2 February 2021, California Bill Seeks Additional Greenhouse Gas Disclosures from Major Public Corporations
- 22 January 2021, The Energizer – Volume 82
- 7 January 2021, The Energizer – Volume 81
- 21 December 2020, The Energizer – Volume 80
- 17 December 2020, NMFS Demands More Mitigation for Nearshore Projects in the Puget Sound Region
- 3 December 2020, The Energizer – Volume 79
- 12 November 2020, The Energizer – Volume 78
- 11 November 2020, Congratulations to Our Diverse and Women Lawyers
- October 2020, Blue Economy Handbook
- 27 October 2020, The Energizer – Volume 77
- 9 October 2020, The Energizer – Volume 76
- 8 October 2020, Growing Opportunities in the Carbon Field for Agriculture and Forestry
- 25 September 2020, The Energizer – Volume 75
- 14 September 2020, The Energizer – Volume 74
- 28 August 2020, The Energizer – Volume 73
- 21 August 2020, Fifth Circuit Reels In NMFS' Aquaculture Permitting Program in Gulf of Mexico
- 17 August 2020, The Energizer – Volume 72
- 30 July 2020, The Energizer – Volume 71
- 23 July 2020, A New Normal? Trump Administration Retooling of Core NEPA Elements

- 17 July 2020, Indian Land Then, Remains Indian Land Now: The Supreme Court Confirms That a Significant Portion of Eastern Oklahoma Is a Native American Reservation
- 16 July 2020, The Energizer – Volume 70
- 2 July 2020, The Energizer – Volume 69
- 22 June 2020, The Energizer – Volume 68
- 4 June 2020, The Energizer – Volume 67
- 21 May 2020, The Energizer – Volume 66
- 8 May 2020, The Energizer – Volume 65
- 27 April 2020, The Energizer – Volume 64
- 16 April 2020, COVID-19: A Survey of Sports Betting Activity during the Pandemic and Legal Considerations for Stakeholders
- 9 April 2020, The Energizer – Volume 63
- 12 March 2020, The Energizer – Volume 62
- 21 February 2020, The Energizer - Volume 61
- 20 February 2020, Finally Finality? The Trump Administration's Answer to One of Environmental Law's Most Contested Questions: What Are "Waters of the United States"?
- 13 February 2020, DC District Court Bats Down Northern Long-Eared Bat Listing
- 6 February 2020, The Energizer - Volume 60
- 23 January 2020, The Energizer – Volume 59
- 9 January 2020, The Energizer - Volume 58
- 12 December 2019, Know Your Tribal Counterparty: Tribal Corporations May Be Immune From Suit
- 14 January 2019, Trump Administration Begins "Round 4" in the Battle Over Clean Water Act Jurisdiction

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Washington State Puts Environmental Justice At The Forefront," *Law360*, 5 July 2023
- "Calif.'s Renewable Natural Gas Standard: Tips For Suppliers," *Law360*, 13 April 2022
- "Calif.'s Renewable Natural Gas Standard: How It Works," *Law360*, 12 April 2022
- *Banning Coal: Analyzing the Eradication of Coal in North America*, Vol. 49 of the Texas Environmental Law Journal

- “The Uncertain Future of the NCAA Post Alston – Federal v. State Legislation v. Conference Guidelines,” *LawInSport*, December 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments

MEDIA MENTIONS

- An article written by San Francisco partner Buck Endemann and Seattle associates Molly Barker and Matthew Clark regarding California's renewable natural gas standard appears in *Law360*.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Commercial Disputes
- Corporate Sustainability
- Power
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission
- Sports
- Utilities

EMERGING ISSUES

- Sustainable Economy

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Environmental Law & Litigation

- Draft environmental assessment for submittal to federal authorities to implement a safe harbor agreement

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- Represent clients in multi-party CERCLA litigation and allocations related to contamination resulting from historic industrial operations
- Advise developers on property acquisitions through phase I and phase II environmental site assessments
- Supported project investors on environmental permitting and review analyses
- Advise property owners on protection Safe Harbor Agreements
- Advise pipeline company on environmental permitting requirements under local, state, and federal laws
- Draft amicus curiae brief for intervenor in Hawai'i state court litigation matter in parallel with an administrative appeal for a denied environmental impact statement
- Advise multi-use property owners as to how apply to international, state, and municipal fire regulations

Energy Law

- Advise client on acquisition of over 280 MW of solar power facilities across 13 states and Washington, D.C.
- Advise client on the restructure of the management of a solar power portfolio with assets in Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico
- Advise wind power company in the development of a Programmatic Agreement to be used as the standard for all Ohio State Historic Preservation Office consultations
- Advise wind power company in environmental permitting requirements to construct generation facilities
- Advise foreign electricity provider in the acquisition of U.S. power generation assets
- Advise hydropower licensees in license compliance matters and license amendments before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Analyze and advise client regarding Renewable Energy Credit (REC) agreements
- Draft and advise on transaction confirmation and offtake agreements for renewable natural gas generation and supply
- Draft bilateral contract, a purchase agreement for environmental attributes including renewable energy credits (RECs)
- Provide regulatory and policy advice to international climate regarding the investment and construction of green ammonia production facilities in the southwest and Midwest United States
- Draft bilateral contract for the purchase, marketing, and sale of carbon offsets in California, including RECs

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Advise client in litigation matter in Australian courts
- Advise corporation on internal ethical compliance and investigations

- Advise global corporation regarding restrictive covenant and employment obligations as to incoming and departing employees

Election Law

- Successfully defend Mayor of Seattle in recall petitions, including a unanimous decision issued by the Supreme Court of Washington

Public Policy

- Advise medical research company on federal, state, county, and municipal government guidance across the United States regarding the COVID-19 pandemic
- Advise client on legislative changes to low carbon fuel standards in California and Washington
- Advise Governor Inslee's Task Force on Police Reform to implement third party police review, resulting in H.B. 1267