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PRACTICE AREAS

Claim Advice, Coverage Analysis, Extracontractual Exposure Advice, Insurance Litigation, Special Investigations Assistance & Fraud Reporting, Legislative Monitoring & Regulatory Analysis, Commercial Litigation and Non-Profit Organizations

OVERVIEW

Brett Sommermeyer is of counsel at Betts Patterson & Mines. His practice focuses on environmental matters, including complex insurance coverage cases involving liability for remediation of contaminated properties. In an effort to increase his depth of understanding of the scientific and political aspects of environmental problems, he recently obtained a Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Mr. Sommermeyer brings a multi-disciplinary approach to the resolution of the complicated issues often faced by our clients.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, M.P.A., 2010
The Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College, J.D., 1995
Duke University, B.A., 1990

ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar, 2000
Oregon State Bar, 1996
Territory of Guam
United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington
United States Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Washington State Bar Association
Oregon State Bar Association
King County Bar Association
Oregon Wild
Vice President, Board of Directors

Keystone Conservation
Former President, Board of Directors

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Multijurisdictional Wildlife Management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem – Assessment and Recommendations for a More Cohesive Approach to Conservation Planning*, Columbia University, New York, NY (2010).

Presenter, *Biological Criteria: A Road Not Taken Under the Clean Water Act*, Columbia University, New York, NY (2010).

Panel Presentation, *U.S. Wind Subsidies, Shifting to a Clean Energy Economy*, Microeconomics and Policy Analysis I. Columbia University New York, NY, (December 2009).

Presenter, *H.R. 669, Non-Native Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act: Recommendations for Effective Performance Management in Fulfilling Statutory Mandates and Objectives*, Workshop in Applied Earth Systems Management, Columbia University, New York, NY, (November 2009).

Panel Presentation, *Bush Terminal: A Threat Assessment and Proposal for Site Rehabilitation*, Ecology and Biodiversity, Columbia University, New York, NY, (August 2009).

Panel Presentation, *A Toxicological Risk Assessment of Fish Consumption and PCBs*. Environmental Toxicology. Columbia University, New York, NY, (July 2009).

Author, *Investigation by the Insurer*, Law and Practice of Insurance Coverage, The West Group & American Bar Association, (2000).

Presenter, *Streamlining Inter-Carrier Cost Allocation Through Arbitration*, Understanding Allocation, Defense Research Institute (1999).