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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Catastrophic Property Loss
- ◆ Class Action & Complex Litigation
- ◆ Environmental Litigation
- ◆ Litigation on Behalf of State & Local Governments
- ◆ Opioid Litigation
- ◆ Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- ◆ Wildfire Litigation

EDUCATION

Wesleyan University
B.A., 1998, History

University of Wisconsin
M.S., 2002, Geography

Lewis & Clark Law School
J.D., cum laude, 2007, Environmental Law Certificate; Cornelius Honors Society; Articles Editor, Environmental Law Review

Daniel Mensher translates thorough preparation into courtroom success.

Dan practices in Keller Rohrback's nationally-recognized Complex Litigation Group with a focus on environmental cases and representing government entities in important litigation. He collaborates with his colleagues and clients to identify problems and craft creative, long-lasting solutions.

Dan has litigated important environmental and consumer cases across the country in federal and state court. He presently represents the States of Oregon, Delaware, and Maryland, as well as the City of Seattle in their cases against Monsanto seeking to hold the corporate giant responsible for natural resource damages related to its sale and marketing of PCBs. He is also part of the Keller Rohrback team representing more than 70 counties, cities, and tribes in the fight to hold drug manufacturers and other entities accountable for the opioid crisis.

Before joining the firm, Dan was an environmental law professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, where he also litigated cases involving toxic waste, water pollution, and natural resource management. He has sat on governmental advisory boards and helped to draft key environmental regulations in place today. Dan uses his passion and experience to protect our environment and the people and communities that rely on clean air, water, and products.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2007, Oregon

2008, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2008, U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

2010, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

2011, U.S. District Court for the District of Wisconsin

2014, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

2014, Washington

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Oregon State Bar Association, *Member*

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

Toxic Free Future, *Board Member*

Northwest Environmental Defense Center, *Board Member*, 2009-2014

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America®, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs, Seattle, Washington, 2026

Lawdragon 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers – The Green 500, 2025, 2026

Selected to Super Lawyers list in *Super Lawyers* - Washington, 2025

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Government as Plaintiff: The Advantages and Hurdles of Litigating on Behalf of a Public Body*, Coalition of Civil Advocates (November 14, 2024).

Speaker, *PFAS from the Litigation Perspective*, Law Seminars International, A Comprehensive Seminar on the 33rd Anniversary of the Model Toxics Control Act (December 7, 2023).

Panelist, *Toxic Torts and Class Actions*, Environmental Law and Policy Conference, University of Michigan, Michigan Law (September 30, 2022).

Panelist, *Accountability for Climate Change Harms in the Pacific Northwest: Scientific, Policy and Legal Perspectives*, Lewis & Clark Law School's Green Energy Institute, the Center for Climate Integrity, and Breach Collective (March 18, 2021).

Speaker, *Federalism and the Preemption of State Public Nuisance Actions*, Alliance of California Judges Symposium on the Economics of Consumer Protection (November 2019).

Speaker, Bridgeport Environmental Class Action Webinar, (March 2016).

Speaker, *Testing of the Air Quality and Expert Witnesses for the Cases*, Harris Martin Porter Ranch Gas Leak Litigation Conference, (January 19, 2016).

Author, *With Friends Like These...: The Trouble With Auer Deference*, 43 *Envtl. Law Rev.* 4, 201

Speaker, *Addressing Issues in Water Quality Trading*, Oregon Water Law Conference, (November 7, 2013)

Speaker, *The Precautionary Principle in Environmental Law*, Northwest Environmental Conference and Tradeshow (December 11, 2013).

Speaker, *Clean Water Act Stormwater Regulation*, RainOps Conference, Spokane, WA, Longview, WA (2013).

Presenter, *Salmon Issues in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest*, Oregon State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Committee annual Continuing Legal Education Program (2013).

Speaker, Oregon State Bar brown bag CLE debate with Oregon DOJ assistant attorney general about the Supreme Court case *Decker v. NEDC* (2012).

Author, *Common Law On Ice: Using Federal Nuisance Law to Address Global Warming*, 37 *Envtl. Law Rev.* 2 (2007).

Co-author with Chris Rycewicz, *Growing State Authority Under the Clean Water Act*, 22 *Nat. Resources & Env't* 2, (2007).