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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

Dan helps communities recover from catastrophic harm.

Dan is a trial lawyer who represents states, cities, and communities in high-stakes environmental and consumer protection cases. A member of Keller Rohrback's Complex Litigation Group and a leader in the firm's environmental practice, Dan builds teams confronting major contamination, natural resource damages, and other public harms.

Dan has played a central role in litigation against PacifiCorp arising from its 2020 Labor Day fires in Oregon. Dan helped initiate the case and led the team in one of the ensuing damages trials, securing a judgment of more than \$70 million for 12 fire victims. The corporation now faces judgments exceeding \$1 billion.

Dan also represented the State of Oregon in its PCB litigation against Monsanto, which resulted, on the eve of trial, in a \$698 million settlement. After several years of litigation, Dan helped the City of Seattle recover \$160 million against Monsanto for PCB litigation in the Duwamish River. He currently represents several other states and counties in PCB litigation.

Across these matters and others, through public nuisance and class actions, Dan's work has focused on holding corporations accountable for widespread harm. Within that work, Dan is recognized for building cohesive teams, encouraging collaboration, and seeing cases through to trial.

Before joining Keller Rohrback, Dan taught environmental law at Lewis & Clark Law School. His academic work focused on toxic waste, water pollution, and natural resource management, and he has contributed to environmental rulemaking and governmental advisory efforts.

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 *Env'tl. 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 *Env'tl. Law Rev.* 2 (2007).

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