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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Catastrophic Property Loss
- ◆ Class Action & Complex Litigation
- ◆ Consumer Protection
- ◆ Environmental Litigation
- ◆ Litigation on Behalf of State & Local Governments
- ◆ Mass Torts
- ◆ Opioid Litigation
- ◆ Wildfire Litigation

EDUCATION

Pomona College

B.A., 2000, Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Lewis & Clark Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Certificate

Matthew Preusch is a partner at Keller Rohrback and practices in its nationally-recognized Complex Litigation Group.

Matt focuses his work on cases that protect people and the environment. He has helped initiate landmark consumer litigation related to Volkswagen's "Clean Diesel" deceit and Wells Fargo's unauthorized account scheme. When studies of moss samples in trees in Portland, Oregon identified several pollution "hotspots" in that city, he and others at Keller Rohrback launched cases on behalf of residents that resulted in the largest environmental class action settlement in Oregon history. More recently, he served as co-lead counsel representing survivors of four utility-caused wildfires in Oregon. That case resulted in a historic, first-of-its-kind jury verdict finding a utility liable to a class for punitive damages. In addition, Matt serves as individual plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel for the Marshall Fire litigation in Colorado.

Before joining Keller Rohrback, Matthew served as an honors attorney in the Oregon Department of Justice's appellate and trial divisions. He was a judicial extern for the Hon. Michael W. Mosman in the District of Oregon during law school. Prior to his legal career, he spent 10 years as a journalist in the Pacific Northwest, covering regional and national news for The Oregonian, The New York Times and other publications.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2013, Oregon

2014, California

2014, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

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

2014, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

2014, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

2014, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2018, U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

American Bar Foundation, *Fellow*

Santa Barbara Bar Association, *Member*

Underscore Media Collaboration, *Board Member*

HONORS & AWARDS

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

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, Plaintiffs Mass Tort Litigation / Class Action - Santa Barbara, California, 2027 (Recognized since 2024):

National Trial Lawyers: Top 100, 2024-2026

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, National Wildland Fire Conference (April 2024).

Panelist, *Current State of the Law on Ascertainability and Standing*, Bridgeport Consumer Class Action Litigation Conference (January 2017).

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

Panelist, *Cutting-Edge Bet the Company Mega Class Action CLE*, Lewis and Clark Law School, Public Interest Law Project (February 2016).

Panelist, *Current State of the Law on Ascertainability and Standing*, Bridgeport Consumer Class Action Litigation Conference (January 2016).

Speaker, *Remedies*, Harris Martin Porter Ranch Gas Leak Litigation Conference (January 2016).

Don't Say, "No Comment": How To Ethically and Effectively Talk to Reporters, Santa Barbara County Bar Association (Sept. 16, 2015).

Oregon State Bar Environmental & Natural Resources Section Case Notes (July 2015).

Author, Tim Weaver, *Yakama Tribes' Salmon Champion, Says His Goodbyes*, The Oregonian (Jan. 1, 2010).

Author, *DEQ to Help Polluter Seek Federal Break on Mercury Emission*, The Oregonian (Aug. 19, 2009).

Author, *Amid Forests Ashes, a Debate Over Logging Profits is Burning On*, The New York Times (April 15, 2004).