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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  
Board of Directors, Oregon Wild  
President, Board of Directors, Keystone Conservation  
Volunteer Habitat Diver, Oregon Coast Aquarium

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Multijurisdictional wildlife management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem – assessment and recommendations for a more cohesive approach to conservation planning. 2010. Columbia University.

Biological criteria: a road not taken under the Clean Water Act. 2010. Columbia University

Panel Presentation. U.S. wind subsidies, shifting to a clean energy economy. Microeconomics and Policy Analysis I. Columbia University, New York, NY. December 2, 2009.

Paper Presentation. 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 4, 2009.

Panel Presentation. Bush Terminal: a threat assessment and proposal for site rehabilitation. Ecology and Biodiversity. Columbia University, New York, NY. August 10, 2009.

Panel Presentation. A toxicological risk assessment of fish consumption and PCBs. Environmental Toxicology. Columbia University, New York, NY. July 30, 2009.

Investigation by the insurer. Law and Practice of Insurance Coverage. 2000. Westgroup & ABA.

Streamlining inter-carrier cost allocation through arbitration. Understanding Allocation. 1999. Defense Research Institute.