

Mathew Bain is member of the firm's environmental, energy and natural resources practice group, where he leverages his background in environmental science and energy policy to help clients navigate complex regulatory obligations and other legal challenges.



Mathew T. Bain

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Biography

Mathew T. Bain is an associate attorney in the firm's Missoula, Montana office and is passionate about the intersection of environment, labor, and industry.

In 2022, Mathew received his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law where he graduated in the top 1% of his class. While attending law school, Mathew worked as a fellow in the Energy and Natural Resources Law Center, externed with the United States Attorney's Office and served as a managing editor for the Oregon Law Review. In his final semester, Mathew interned for the Honorable Michael J. McShane of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

Prior to law school, Mathew attended Montana State University's Honors College where he graduated with highest honors and earned a B.S. in environmental science. Following law school, Mathew returned to Montana and clerked for the Honorable Dana L. Christensen of the United States District Court for the District of Montana. Mathew is grateful to be back in Montana, where he enjoys trail running, skiing and reading about the history of the western United States.

Accomplishments

Professional

Law Clerk to the Honorable Dana L. Christensen, United States District Court, District of Montana, 2022-2024

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Capabilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation &
Administrative Appeals

Environmental Property Damage

Energy & Utilities

Water Quality

Licensed/Admitted

Montana

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. Of Montana

Utah

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. Of Utah

Wyoming

Academic

University of Oregon School of Law, J.D., 2022

- Order of the Coif – University of Oregon School of Law, 2022
- Managing Editor – Oregon Law Review, 2021-2022
- Energy and Natural Resources Law Center Fellow – University of Oregon School of Law – 2019-2022
- Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence – University of Oregon School of Law, 2021
- Dean’s Distinguished Environmental Law Fellow – University of Oregon School of Law, 2019

Montana State University, B.S. Environmental Science – Soil and Water Science Concentration, 2018

- Highest Honors – Montana State University, 2018

Associations

Professional

State Bar of Montana

Western Montana Bar Association

Utah State Bar

Articles

“Understanding the Scope of Emergency Permitting,” ABA’s Natural Resources and Environment, Summer 2025

Montana Supreme Court Affirms Right to a “Stable Climate System,” Finds State’s Environmental Review Limitations Unconstitutional, Dec. 20, 2024

EPA Announces Draft Interim Framework for Advancing Consideration of Cumulative Impacts, Nov. 25, 2024

Deborah Mailander, Univ. Or. Env. & Nat. Res. L. Ctr., Finding The Nexus Between Climate Action And Good Jobs (2020). (Research & Writing Credits)

Tade Oyewunmi, The Regulatory State and the Emerging Offshore Wind Energy Market in the United States, 13 ARIZ. J. ENV. L. & POL’Y 1, 1-46 (2022). (Research Credit)