

## Matthew D. Wells

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**Matt is an environmental and natural resources compliance attorney with a focus on marine and fresh water resource issues.**

He regularly represents public and private sector clients in matters relating to environmental cleanup, due diligence, water rights and project permitting. With more than 30 years of experience practicing law and a strong science and policy background, Matt provides his clients with common sense and perspective to help them achieve their objectives.

Matt has represented municipal entities, utilities, *Fortune 500* companies, local businesses, non-profits and individuals. Before joining Foster Garvey, Matt was a partner at environmental and natural resources firm Doll Mack Wells PLLC.

### Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law (*high honors, Order of the Coif*), 1992

- Washington Law Review, Managing Editor

Master of Marine Affairs, University of Washington, 1986

B.S., Yale University (*cum laude* and with distinction in the major), Geology and Geophysics, 1982

### Services

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental

Environment & Natural Resources

Ports

Public Finance & Municipal Government

Water Rights

### Admissions

Washington

Oregon

Oregon Supreme Court

Washington Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Eastern

District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Western

District of Washington

## Clerkships

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Alan A. McDonald, US District Court, Eastern District of Washington, Yakima, 1992-1994

## Honors & Recognition

*Chambers USA* (Washington), Leading Individual, Environment, 2024

*The Best Lawyers in America*®, Environmental Law, 2008-present

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2008-present

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating

## Professional Activities

Washington State Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Member

- Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Midyear Meeting and Seminar Program Co-Chair, 2009

Washington Water Policy Alliance, Member

## Community Activities

Bishop Blanchet High School, Advisory Board Member, 2017-2019

KCBA Central District Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Volunteer Attorney, 1996-2020

Leadership Tomorrow, 2004

Pike Market Childcare and Preschool, Board Member, 2008-2013

Preston, Gates & Ellis LLP, Pro Bono Coordinator, 2003-2007

St. John School, School Commission Member, 2012-2015

## News

Foster Garvey Adds Distinguished Environmental Regulatory, Compliance and Litigation Team from Doll Mack Wells PLLC in Seattle

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