

David A. Rabbino

Shareholder

Services: Environmental and Natural Resources,
Litigation, Land Use, Real Estate

Industries: Mining, Agriculture



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OVERVIEW

With nearly 35 years of experience in environmental law, coverage, and litigation, David Rabbino's practice is focused on developing and getting regulatory approval to complex environmental problems with creative and cost-effective resolutions, letting his clients get back to their core businesses.

David represents clients in some of the largest Superfund sites across the country, as well as matters with state and county regulators. He represents for-profit, non-profit, and local government entities, both as plaintiffs or defendants, in environmental regulatory matters, including permitting, compliance, and enforcement actions, and has significant experience in handling and litigating environmental coverage actions. Understanding that most environmental matters pull his clients away from what they do best, David devotes the time to listen to his clients' concerns, works with them to identify clear business goals, and develops legal strategies to reach those goals, so his clients can focus on their core businesses.

In addition to his work in traditional environmental matters, David offers expertise in real estate transactions and experience in land use law, particularly those that involve contaminated real property. He is an active member of Oregon's statewide Brownfield Coalition and was extensively involved in the drafting and legislative lobbying effort that led to the passage of Oregon's groundbreaking brownfield Land Bank Authority bill (HB 2734) and Oregon's brownfield Tax Abatement bill (HB 4084). He advises clients on various financial tools available to fund brownfield projects, as well as permitting requirements and land use issues associated with such projects.

David is a Co-Chair of the firm's Environmental and Natural Resources practice group. Prior to joining Jordan Ramis, David was a civil litigator in New York City, an enforcement attorney with the U.S. EPA for almost 12 years, a partner at a boutique environmental litigation firm based in the Bay Area in California, and Senior Counsel at a large Portland-based law firm. This experience in the public and private sectors, as well as at small and large law firms, allows David to bring a wholistic, seasoned perspective to any matter he deals with on behalf of his clients.

Helping clients achieve their business goals while navigating them through the complex and technically diverse issues involved in resolving environmental matters is what David enjoys most about practicing law. When he is not working on resolving his clients' environmental concerns, David enjoys living in the Pacific Northwest, playing tennis and golf, hiking, and occasional trips to the coast.

Education

- B.A., Political Science, Connecticut College, 1982
- J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1985

Membership and Activities

- Youth, Rights & Justice, Board Member (2015–Present), President (2020–2023)
- Oregon State Bar Environmental & Natural Resources Section, Executive Committee Member (2014–2018)
- Lake Oswego Development Review Commission, Member (2014–2017)
- Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board, Member (2014–2015)
- American Bar Association, Member
- Jordan Ramis PC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair (2019–2022)

Awards and Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental and Natural Resources Law, 2019–2025
- Chambers & Partners USA, Environmental Law, 2016–2024
- Northern California Super Lawyers, 2006, 2008–2012
- Martindale Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Attorney