

# Spencer Gheen



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Partner

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### PRACTICE SUMMARY

Spencer represents clients in regulatory and litigation matters, including disputes over hazardous waste cleanup under CERCLA and MTCA; negotiations over the allocation of remediation costs for complex contaminated sites; claims for indemnity arising out of environmental liabilities; permit compliance; Clean Water Act litigation; and toxic tort and product liability litigation. Spencer also has litigated commercial matters and has assisted clients in the energy sector with transactional, regulatory, and corporate governance matters.

### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Represents a municipality at a MTCA sediment cleanup site, including cost allocation negotiations, insurance recovery, and risk management.

Represents a Fortune 500 company engaged in cost allocation at a Superfund megasite.

Defended a fruit-processing company against claims relating to stormwater discharges under the Clean Water Act.

Advises clients on Natural Resource Damage claims and liability assessments.

Advises clients on the state and federal regulatory process for cleanup sites.

Consults on litigation strategy, discovery management, counterclaims, and third-party practice in defense of toxic tort claims.

Advises a private client on the identification, assessment, acquisition, and redevelopment of contaminated sites.

Advises clients on assessments of complex environmental liabilities and indemnities.

Drafted contracts, easements, and other transactional documents for a public utility company involved in the purchase and sale of assets and real property interests.

Successfully represented two clients seeking clemency before the Washington State Clemency and Pardons Board, which recommended in both cases that the client's life sentence be commuted.

### EDUCATION

J.D., Willamette University College of Law,  
*magna cum laude*

Willamette Law Review, Editor-in-Chief

Willamette Journal of International Law and  
Dispute Resolution, Managing Articles Editor

B.A., Gonzaga University

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington, 2010

U.S. District Court for the Western District of  
Washington

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of  
Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

### EXPERIENCE

PKG Law, P.S., Attorney, 2019-Present

Foster Pepper PLLC, Associate, 2017-2019

Lee Smart, P.S., Inc., Associate Attorney, 2012-2016

Oregon Court of Appeals, Judicial Law Clerk,  
2010-2012

Oregon Department of Justice, Appellate Law  
Clerk, 2009

### ACTIVITIES

King County Bar Association, Environmental  
and Land Use Section, Committee Chair

Washington State Bar Association,  
Environmental and Land Use Section

American Bar Association, Member

Seattle Clemency Project, Pro Bono Attorney