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OVERVIEW

An associate in the firm's Environment, Land, and Natural Resources practice group, David Wang advises municipal corporations, project developers, and electric utilities on federal, state, and local regulatory and policy matters, including environmental laws, emissions rules, and ratemaking procedures. He leverages his courtroom experience to represent parties in state and federal court—from pre-litigation to appeals—on issues involving environmental, energy, constitutional, administrative, and municipal law.

In addition to his environmental and energy practice, David assists clients on American Indian law, eminent domain, fisheries, and Alaska-related matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

David joined the ELNR group following clerkships with the Honorable Lauren King in the US District Court for the Western District of Washington and the Honorable Dario Borghesan of the Alaska Supreme Court. During law school, David was a member of the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team and served as a Legal Writing Fellow for first-year law students. He worked in the nonprofit sector before law school, focusing on international climate finance and renewable energy policies.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, Indian Law and Tribal Sovereignty, WSBA CLE: The Washington Law and Practice Refresher Course, February 2024
- Speaker, "Recent Federal Native American Law Developments in the Ninth Circuit," Washington Municipal & PUD Attorneys CLE, May 2023

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2020 (*with Honors; Managing Editor, Washington Law Review*)
- B.A., The University of Chicago, 2013 (*with Honors; Economics & Political Science*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Alaska
- Bar of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Alaska
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 15 July 2026, Fanning the Flames: Second Circuit Splits With Ninth Circuit on Federal Preemption of Natural Gas Restrictions
- 2 June 2025, Course Correction: Supreme Court Steers Toward Greater Predictability in NEPA Reviews
- 9 June 2023, Treasury and IRS Propose Regulations for Inflation Reduction Act's Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program
- 17 May 2023, Domestic Content Guidance Offers Much Needed Answers but Also Raises Uncertainty About Qualification Requirements
- 21 April 2023, Ninth Circuit Cans Berkeley Gas Ban Under Federal Law
- 21 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 110
- 9 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 109
- 1 November 2022, The Energizer – Volume 108
- 28 September 2022, The Energizer - Volume 107
- 19 September 2022, The Energizer – Volume 106
- 9 September 2022, California Legislators Pass Bill Banning Sale of Agricultural Land to Foreign Governments; Increase Ownership Disclosure Requirements
- 6 September 2022, California Passes Suite of New Climate Bills Aimed at Reducing Emissions, Stimulating Carbon Capture, and Implementing Buffers
- 28 July 2022, The Energizer – Volume 105

- 19 July 2022, Litigation Minute: Litigation Targeting Companies' "Carbon-Neutral" and Renewable Energy Representations
- 11 July 2022, The Energizer – Volume 104
- 30 June 2022 , The Energizer – Volume 103
- 16 June 2022, The Energizer – Volume 102
- 31 May 2022 , The Energizer – Volume 101
- 25 April 2022, Offshore Wind Handbook
- 15 January 2022, Five Agencies Issue Ambitious Renewable Energy Goals for Federal Lands: 25GW by 2025

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Cans Berkeley Gas Ban Under Federal Law,”](#) *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, July-August 2023
- [“Minn. Mine Denial Stresses Importance Of Tribal Partnerships,”](#) *Law360*, 14 July 2023
- [“Recent Rulings Affirm Tribal Sovereign Immunity And Joinder,”](#) *Law360*, 30 March 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 May 2026, K&L Gates Advises American Maritime Partnership on Defense of Jones Act Constitutional Challenge

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- American Indian Law
- Energy Disputes
- Fisheries and Aquaculture

INDUSTRIES

- Carbon Solutions
- Energy
- Power
- Power Generation and Transmission

- Renewables
- Utilities