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Victor counsels clients on a wide variety of issues related to emerging contaminants, energy, and natural resources.

Victor is an Associate in the Portland Office. In litigation, he has experience in matters involving the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), federal Indian law, toxic torts, and greenwashing. In the regulatory sphere, he helps clients navigate the complex and quickly changing federal and state regulatory frameworks on PFAS, a pervasive emerging contaminant, as well as other consumer-product compliance concerns.

Before joining the firm, Victor clerked for the Honorable James Sweeney II in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and for the Honorable Harris Hartz in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Victor graduated from Stanford Law School, where he was a Public Interest Fellow, a leader of a community law pro bono project, and a member of the Asian and Pacific Islander Law Students Association.

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EDUCATION

- J.D., Stanford Law School (2020)
- B.A., Stanford University (2017), with distinction
- Law Clerk to the Hon. James R. Sweeney II, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- Law Clerk to the Hon. Harris L Hartz, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Colorado
- State Bar of Oregon
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Representative Matters

- Acts as outside environmental counsel for various manufacturers, designers, and retailers in textile and apparel, outdoor recreational products, food products, and other industries on issues such as PFAS regulatory compliance, greenwashing, and agency enforcement actions.
- Represents municipal water providers in multi-district litigation on groundwater contamination caused by uncontrolled discharges of fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam.
- Counsel to agricultural client in challenges to a federal land exchange, with implications for global food security.

Publications and Presentations

- Panelist, American Apparel and Footwear Association, Footwear Workshop, "PFAS: Here Today, Gone in 2025," June 2023.
- Speaker, American Apparel and Footwear Association, Environmental Committee Meeting, "EPA's PFAS Reporting Rule," October 2023.
- Author, *PFAS and Greenwashing Litigation: It's Not Easy Being Green*, 38 ABA Journal on Natural Resources & Environment (Winter 2024) (with James Pollack).