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“I put relationship with clients first. I work to find a resolution that makes sense for each client’s goals and circumstances. My approach is simple: work hard, listen, and aim for innovative, cost-effective, and the right solution to a client’s business goals.”

Steve Goodman focuses his practice on counseling businesses on environmental and natural resources law. Steve practiced as an environmental engineer before obtaining his law degree and is a licensed professional engineer in California. He represents clients with natural resource claims and has represented them before Washington State’s Pollution Control Hearings Board (PHCB), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and state and federal courts. He has negotiated agreed orders and consent decrees with EPA and state agencies, including Washington Department of Ecology, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Steve also counsels businesses on construction and insurance matters. He represents utilities, refiners, project owners, general contractors, and manufacturers in complex commercial transactions. Steve’s background in engineering provides a deep understanding of the design and construction process and contractual arrangements including construction management contracts, EPC contracts, EPCM contracts, development contracts, professional services contracts and other contractual agreements used on complex projects. Moreover, Steve regularly counsels clients throughout all phases of construction as issues arise on projects and represents clients on major construction and insurance claims.

Professional Activities

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Water Environment Federation
- King County Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
- Registered civil engineer in California

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, with honors, 1985

M.S., San Jose State University, environmental engineering, 1975

B.S., University of Santa Clara, civil engineering, 1971

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2004
Washington, 1985

Representative Experience

Construction

- Represented petroleum refiner on drafting and negotiating EPC contract for construction of major air pollution controls to meet reduced sulfur and nitrogen emission limits.
- Represented major petroleum refiner drafting and negotiating EPC contract for upgrades to coke production facility at Washington refinery.
- Drafted and negotiated EPC form contracts for Fortune 500 company for use nationwide.
- Represented Washington utility related to delay and construction defect claims on EPC contract for 20MW natural gas generation plant in eastern Washington.
- Represented Washington utility on construction defect claims related EPC contract for 10MW hydrogenation plant in eastern Washington.
- Represented large processor on drafting E&P and EPC contracts for large processing plant in southwest Washington.
- Represented petroleum refiner on delay claims on EPC upgrades to co-generation plant at California refinery.
- Represented chemical manufacturer on claims related to EPC contract for construction of an ethylene-amine plant in Saudi Arabia and recovered in excess of \$20 million from EPC contractor.
- Represented major petroleum refiner on delay and cost overrun claims related to EPC contract to revamp and upgrade refiner's catalytic reformer at Washington refinery. Claims exceeding \$5 million were successfully resolved on summary judgment and settlement.
- Represented petroleum refiner on product defect claims related to EPC upgrades to Washington refinery.

Publications

- "Lessons in Contracting for Additional Insured Status from New Oregon Case," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The Northwest Policyholder*, coauthor (Dec. 2017)
- "Washington State's Supreme Court Abolishes Rule Shielding Contractors from Third Party Liability," Graham & Dunn (Jan. 2007)
- "Washington Court Holds There Are No Excuses for Failing to Comply with this State's Mechanic's Lien Statute," Graham & Dunn (Dec. 2004)
- "Condominium Developers Receive Additional Relief," Graham & Dunn (May 2004)

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