



Associate Blaine Bengtson Joins Lathrop GPM Environmental & Tort Practice Group in Denver

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DENVER (July 27, 2023) - Lathrop GPM is pleased to welcome Associate Blaine Bengtson to the firm's Denver office and Environmental & Tort Practice Group.

Bengtson focuses his practice on environmental law, including regulatory compliance, transactional issues and litigation, as well as litigation involving contaminants and toxic tort claims, and some complex civil litigation. He assists clients with environmental matters under federal and state law, and in judicial and administrative forums.

Bengtson's environmental regulatory work has involved the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), among others. Bengtson is a member of the firm's PFAS team, where he helps monitor state and federal regulation of PFAS and assists clients in assessing their current and future liability.

"We are thrilled to welcome Blaine to the team. His unique skillset greatly strengthens our bench and capabilities," said Mara Cohara, chair of the firm's Environmental & Tort Practice Group. "His experience with sophisticated environmental regulatory work, including hazardous waste, will be a great asset to our clients in Denver and across the country."

Bengtson previously served as Co-Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA SEER), and was named a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* in 2023.

Prior to joining Lathrop GPM, Bengtson served as an associate attorney at a Denver law firm, where he counseled businesses and corporations on complex civil litigation matters. While in law school, Bengtson served as a law clerk for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he assisted with developing Clean Air Act enforcement cases.