



Gary G. Allen

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Gary is a hard-wired problem solver who thrives in complex matters at the intersection of law, politics and public policy. His practice focuses on land use and environmental law.

Practice Areas

- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources
- Real Estate and Land Use

Industries

- Agriculture
- Energy and Utilities
- Food Processing and Manufacturing
- Mining
- Real Estate Development, Construction and Investment
- State and Local Government

Gary has addressed entitlement, access and other land use issues before local government entities throughout Idaho. His land use experience includes commercial, residential, industrial and infrastructure projects, including some of the largest projects in the state. Gary has also handled many land use litigation matters, is experienced in condemnation issues and inverse condemnation litigation and has authored significant Idaho property rights legislation. Gary is a lead author of the Idaho Land Use Handbook, which is a land use reference book widely used around the state.

Gary has also practiced environmental law throughout his career. His practice focuses on environmental compliance, permitting, transactions and complex problem resolution. His practice includes significant experience in institutional environmental compliance, water quality, air quality and hazardous waste permitting, environmental issues in property and business transactions, administrative law, rulemaking, administrative enforcement actions and Superfund, underground storage tank and other environmental litigation. Gary also has worked on Endangered Species Act listing issues. Prior to joining Givens Pursley, Gary worked for a major regional firm in Boise and for a large firm in southern California.

Gary brings a rare amount of business experience to his practice. In addition to his law practice, Gary is a founder and CEO of LeanLaw, a software company that makes financial software for law firms.

Gary is active in local and state-wide community affairs. Among other things, he is counsel to the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, a board member and past president of Idaho Smart Growth and for several years served on the Advisory Committee of the Idaho Chapter of the Urban Land Institute. For 18 years, he was the president of the South Boise Village neighborhood association.

Recognition

- Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Natural Resources & Environment)
- Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use)
- Best Lawyers in America Lawyer of the Year (Land Use & Zoning Law (2017 and 2012))

- Best Lawyers in America (Land Use & Zoning Law and Litigation - Land Use & Zoning)
- Martindale-Hubbell - highest ranking (AV) in Zoning, Planning and Land Use, Eminent Domain, Environmental, Litigation and Real Estate
- Mountain States Super Lawyers (Environmental)
- Who's Who Legal - Environmental 2014 Idaho
- 2012 Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award

Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School (Editor, Stanford Environmental Law Journal), 1987
- B.A., Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa, McLain-Bowler Scholar, Co-Captain Varsity Tennis), 1983 - magna cum laude