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Recognized for his intellect and instincts in the courtroom by clients, colleagues and opposing counsel, David Bridgers has earned a reputation for his ability to analyze problems and develop unique legal strategies and solutions. David has cultivated a diverse practice over the past two decades covering healthcare regulatory enforcement, environmental litigation and complex commercial disputes, and clients from a wide range of industries value his ability to assemble effective litigation teams that address their concerns cost-effectively and confidently. David has been called *thorough, relentless* and, at times, *unconventional* in his approach to resolving high-level disputes. Clients appreciate his sensitivity to the business implications of litigation and have complimented his "steady hand and thoughtful approach to pretty complex and emotional issues."

David's extensive healthcare experience entails representing clients – including hospitals, health systems, physicians, outpatient providers, home health agencies, durable medical equipment manufacturers and others – in fraud and abuse investigations and litigation. He is a trusted advisor to clients facing government enforcement actions and whistleblower lawsuits brought under the False Claims Act, responding to civil investigative demands and conducting internal investigations. David's fraud and abuse experience has focused significantly on physician relations matters involving Stark and anti-kickback regulations as well as reimbursement disputes related to billing and coding issues.

Oil and gas companies, energy producers, mining companies and manufacturers rely on David's advice and counsel in high-profile environmental litigation and enforcement actions brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies. David currently serves as common counsel to a group of five Potentially Responsible Parties related to a Superfund site in the Northeast that is in the midst of a multi-year, multi-phase remedial investigation being conducted by the EPA. In addition to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), David has extensive experience with the Clean Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Education

- J.D., Vermont Law School, 1993
- Editorial Board, *Vermont Law Review*
- M.S.L., Vermont Law School, Environmental Law, 1993
- M.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, 1988
- B.A., University of the South, Philosophy, 1986

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, All Districts of Tennessee

Professional

- Member, Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations

Prior Affiliations

- Member, Neal & Harwell, PLC, Nashville, Tenn., 1996-2015
- Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Justice Division, Tennessee Attorney General's Office, 1994-1996

Community

- Member, Board of Directors, Harpeth River Watershed Association
- Former Chair, Board of Directors, Linden Waldorf School
- Volunteer Coach, Margaret Maddox and Green Hills YMCA Youth Sports Program
- Volunteer Coach, McCabe Park Little League

Articles

- "Medical Necessity Claims Fail to Satisfy FCA Falsity Standard" by David Bridgers, Drew Warth, Wells Trompeter on the Waller Healthcare Blog