

## David Bridgers

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David Bridgers has cultivated a diverse practice over the past 25 years covering healthcare regulatory enforcement, environmental litigation and complex commercial disputes. He has been called *thorough, relentless* and, at times, *unconventional* in his approach to resolving high-level disputes. Clients in a variety of industries appreciate his sensitivity to the business implications of litigation and have complimented his "steady hand and thoughtful approach to complex and emotional issues."

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. Clients from a wide range of industries value his ability to assemble effective litigation teams that address their concerns cost-effectively and confidently.

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).

### EXPERIENCE

- **Psychiatric services organization battles high stakes psychiatric malpractice case**  
Defended a psychiatric services organization in a psychiatric malpractice case in which a

patient blamed his psychotic break, which resulted in the murder of his father, on mismanagement of his medication. The case settled after reaching confidential terms.

- **Energy and mining companies rely on Waller as common counsel in federal Superfund case**

Serve as common counsel to a group of high-profile industrial companies identified as potentially responsible parties in connection with a federal Superfund site.

- **Multinational energy company involved in an Underground Storage Tank investigation in Tennessee**

Served as co-counsel to a multinational energy company during a UST investigation by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee Attorney General's Office. The work included negotiations and discussions with the Attorney General's office and TDEC regarding CID, production of documents, and substantive allegations, including extensive legal analysis.

## EDUCATION

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

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations