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Peder Larson is a member of the Government Relations and Real Estate & Land Use practice groups at Larkin Hoffman. He specializes in advising clients on environmental, land use and regulatory issues. Prior to joining Larkin Hoffman, Peder spent six years at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the last two and a half as Commissioner. His practice includes advising and representing clients in enforcement, permitting and other regulatory activities with the MPCA, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, USEPA and the Department of Justice, environmental review processes before state and local government bodies and permitting, land use and land remediation issues before numerous regulatory bodies. Peder represents clients in environmental matters in trial and appellate courts, provides expert testimony in litigation and legislative forums and represents clients at the Minnesota State Legislature.

Peder also advises and represents clients nationally. He currently serves as regulatory counsel for a major mercury treatment company, representing the company on environmental and health safety issues throughout the United States. He completed a multi-year project for a major automobile manufacturer to reduce the cost and regulatory burdens related to handling hazardous waste at nearly every automobile assembly plant in Michigan.

While at the MPCA, Peder implemented the largest restructuring of the MPCA in its history and was a national leader of innovation efforts for the Environmental Council of States, the association of state environmental agency heads. He negotiated and signed a precedent-setting agreement with the EPA Administrator on behalf of all states to allow states to try new approaches to solving environmental problems.

Peder's other government service includes appointment to the EPA National Advisory Committee on Environmental Policy and Technology, work for United States Senator Lamar Alexander when he served as U.S. Secretary of Education and work in the office of Minnesota Governor Arne H. Carlson. Prior to his government service, Peder practiced law in Minneapolis for five years, focusing on general business law, taxation and government affairs. He graduated with honors in 1985 from William Mitchell College of Law, where he was an editor of the law review, and graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead Minnesota in 1982.

Peder was a former Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative. He is a youth hockey and soccer coach and past president of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis.



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