

## **Christine Hein, Ring Bender LLP**

Christine Hein is the managing partner at Ring Bender LLP. She represents businesses, municipal entities and individuals in regulatory, permitting and litigation matters involving a broad range of environmental, natural resources, tribal, energy, land use, facility development and occupational health and safety issues. Her practice focuses on counseling and representing clients in negotiations with regulatory agencies and in litigation regarding compliance with federal statutes such as CERCLA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, NEPA, RCRA, OSHA, MSHA and related state laws. She also advises numerous municipalities on water rights, public works and contracting issues.

Christine and the other members of Ring Bender's Environmental Law and Litigation practice groups draw upon a wide range of unique skills, years of experience and expertise by working as a team to effectively serve clients' needs. This teamwork approach allows the group to provide clients with prompt, high quality, effective and creative advice and solutions to even the most complex legal issues.

Prior to joining Ring Bender, Christine practiced environmental and natural resource law at Bateman Seidel Miner Blomgren Chellis & Gram and K&L Gates. Christine began her legal career at the New York City firm of Seward & Kissel. Prior to law school, Christine worked as a Development Officer at the Rainforest Foundation in New York and also served as an agriculture extension volunteer in the Peace Corps in Guatemala.

When not working, Christine spends her time chasing after her three young children. Her hobbies include shopping the local farmers markets, knitting, cooking, and international travel. She is also passionate about food security issues and volunteers for Portland-based non-profit Growing Gardens.