

52 Schwabe Attorneys Make the List of Best Lawyers in America for 2015

The Best Lawyers in America list for 2015 has been announced and 52 attorneys from regional law firm Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt have been recognized. Schwabe has steadily grown the number of attorneys who receive this prestigious distinction.

The legal guide also announced that five Schwabe attorneys were named "Lawyer of the Year." This award goes to a single lawyer in a particular practice area in each market covered by the guide.

Martha Pagel is widely recognized as a leader in her focus areas of water law, natural resources and government relations. As a former Director of both the Oregon Water Resources Department and Department of State Lands, she offers clients unparalleled experience and insight into dealing with water and natural resources regulation. She has a well established track record as a problem solver in dealing with complex water and natural resource issues.

Martha works with a wide range of clients - including farmers, ranchers, nurseries, vineyards, hard rock and aggregate mining operations, resorts and golf courses; municipal water providers and all types of landowners - on natural resource development issues. Focus areas include water rights, water storage, aquifer recharge, wetlands, waterway owner-

ship and Endangered Species Act issues. She works with utilities, cities and regional water providers in planning, developing, and managing municipal water supply; and with large and small hydroelectric projects to secure water rights and navigate the complex layers of regulatory requirements. She works with agricultural and industrial water users on water supply strategies including conservation and efficiency programs, mitigation and watershed restoration, water right transfers, and in-stream leases. She also assists with natural resources mediation and serves as the arbitrator for an interstate compact dispute relating to water allocation. She has a long record of accomplishment in working on policy development through Oregon's legislative process and agency rulemaking. Martha is a frequent speaker on water law, natural resources and the Endangered Species Act before her peers at Continuing Legal Education programs, as a guest lecturer in area law schools, and before industry groups.

Martha serves as the leader of the firm's Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources practice group, and is a member of the firm's Water Law, Agriculture Law and Mining Law teams.

Martha currently serves as Chair of the Attorney Advisory Committee for the Western



Martha Pagel, Water Law Award Winner

Resources Legal Center. She is a fellow of the prestigious American College of Environmental Lawyers. In her role as arbitrator, she is a member of "Dividing the Waters," a section of the National Judicial College devoted to training and providing network and educational opportunities for judges involved in water disputes. She participates actively in industry/trade associations such as the Or-

egon Water Resources Congress and Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Assn. and is a former Board Member in both. She has an "AV" Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, and is consistently listed among The Best Lawyers in America. She has been recognized by Oregon Super Lawyers for her work in Water and Natural Resources Law, and she holds a top ranking in Environmental Law from Chambers USA.

Admitted to Practice, Oregon State Courts, Washington State Courts, United States District Court, District of Oregon, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Pagel frequently contributes to the Oregon Insider, Western Water Law and Policy Reporter, and Water Report newsletters; as well as various trade publications on water and natural resources issues. The Intersection of Federal ESA Regulations And State Water Law, Oregon Water Law Questions and Answers, Water Rights for Builders and Developers, Oregon Water Law Basics, are some of her titled articles.

Ms. Pagel attended Willamette University College of Law, achieved a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude (1983) and San Diego State University, Bachelor of Arts degree, with highest honors (1976).