

# Paul T. Sonderegger

## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Paul Sonderegger is member of the firm's environmental and real estate and construction litigation practice areas. He works in the St. Louis office.

Paul has represented clients in numerous areas of environmental law and real estate and construction law. His environmental work focuses on litigation and regulatory compliance matters. In court, he has both prosecuted and defended CERCLA contribution and cost recovery lawsuits, litigation under the Missouri "Spill Bill," cases involving Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the federal Clean Water Act, and the Missouri Clean Water Law, as well as common law tort actions and contract disputes. In matters of compliance, he has negotiated with, and handled matters involving, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Paul has experience involving groundwater issues, both in court and in administrative adjudication, and in the mining industry, regarding environmental land use controls, reclamation implementation and operations, and post-mining land-use. In representing the firm's clients, Paul has participated in every facet of negotiation and litigation, including drafting pleadings and briefs, preparing and arguing complex motions, representing clients during mediations, trying cases in court, and preparing and arguing appeals before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits, and the Missouri Supreme Court. He also has had much experience in drafting and arguing Daubert motions to exclude expert testimony and motions for summary judgment.

Paul's real estate and construction work has focused on prosecuting and defending eminent domain lawsuits, commercial lease disputes, and complex construction cases. He has worked diligently on many large public projects, including the Cross County MetroLink Extension. With regard to Missouri's 2006 eminent domain reform legislation, Paul assisted state legislators and private and public stakeholders in reaching consensus on that bill. As with his experience in environmental law, he has participated in all facets of negotiation and litigation of real estate and construction matters, including representing clients during mediation, in court when trying cases, and in preparing and arguing appeals.

### Distinction

Paul is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, where he graduated with distinction. While at Iowa, he served as a Note and Comment Editor for the Iowa Law Review.



### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (2010-Present)  
Associate (2001-2009)

### Licensure

- Missouri (2001)
- Illinois (2002)

### Primary Practice Areas

- Environmental
- Real Estate and  
Construction Litigation

### Honors

- **Named "Rising Star" for 2009**  
by Missouri and Kansas  
Super Lawyers
- **Named "Up and Coming  
Lawyer" for 2008**  
by Missouri Lawyers  
Weekly

### Education

- **University of Iowa**  
J.D., with Distinction  
(2001)
- **Washington University**  
B.A. in Political Science,  
with College Honors  
(1998)  
W. Alfred Hayes Award  
(1998)  
Academic All-American  
Second Team (1997)