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With an undergraduate degree in natural resources and a master's in environmental science and engineering, Carter Thurman is driven by a strong work ethic and attention to detail. He enjoys focusing on the science in his defense of large corporations in products liability cases.

Carter prosecuted commercial contract claims against a large company that formerly co-owned and operated a chemical plant under both breach of contract and contractual indemnification causes of action with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake. He has represented large pharmaceutical companies in products liability litigation and has significant experience in motions practice, taking and defending fact and expert witness depositions, and leading eDiscovery efforts involving document collection from multiple federal agencies. His oral argument and trial experience includes directing and crossing witnesses and presenting opening and closing arguments. Carter relies on his prior work as a groundwater hydrologist to represent clients in toxic tort and groundwater contamination matters involving various chemicals, including PFAS.

Prior to joining the firm, Carter was a trial attorney through the honors program at the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division. In that role, he litigated complex cases involving NEPA, CAA, Federal Aid Highway Act, Mineral Leasing Act, FLPMA, and the Fifth Amendment takings clause. His work at the Justice Department included defending agency actions under the APA and defending against challenges to rulemakings. Carter also clerked at the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. While there, he assisted empaneled three-judge boards hearing suits under the Atomic Energy Act and the National Environmental Policy Act regarding nuclear safety, security, and the environment.

Carter currently serves as Featured Expert Contributor on Litigation Strategies for Washington Legal Foundation's *On the Legal Pulse*. He publishes and speaks on issues related to his practice, including PFAS, and various strategic and procedural issues important to large cases. He is a member of the firm's Recruitment Committee.

Services

Business Interruption & Commercial Disputes
Complex Litigation
Discovery
Engineering & Construction
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
Products Liability & Toxic Torts
Risk Mitigation & Management

Education

Emory University School of Law (J.D., 2012, *with honors*)
Colorado School of Mines (M.S., 2009)
The University of the South (B.S., 2006)

Admissions

District of Columbia and Georgia
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*
  - "Carter Thurman at Hollingsworth LLP did a great job in an important matter. He had a complex area [and] knew the facts inside and out, better than [others]. I would like to commend him. — Client
  - "Carter Thurman's client service and general level of service, sophistication, commercial awareness, and vision are all very strong. He is a very effective and capable lawyer who is able to navigate complex litigation." — Client
- *Super Lawyers*, Personal Injury-Products Defense, 2026

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- American Bar Association, Section of Tort Trial & Insurance Practice
- District of Columbia Bar, Section of Litigation
- District of Columbia Bar, Section of Environment, Energy and Natural Resource