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Biography

Practices & Sectors

Environmental Compliance, Enforcement & Permitting

Commercial Litigation

Labor & Employment

Workplace Safety and Environmental

Employment Litigation

Complex Discrimination Litigation

Wage & Hour Litigation

Appellate Advocacy

Government Compliance and Enforcement Actions

Wage & Hour Audit, Assessment, and Counseling

Workplace Safety and Health (OSHA/MSHA)

Consumer Financial Services Litigation

Catastrophe Response Team

Workplace Safety and Health (OSHA/MSHA)

Specialty Teams

Whistleblower Team

Safety, Aviation/Transportation & Environmental Whistleblower Team

Employment

Craig B. Simonsen is a senior litigation paralegal in the Seyfarth Shaw LLP's Labor & Employment, Workplace Safety and Health (OSHA/MSHA), Environmental Compliance, Enforcement & Permitting, and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups. Mr. Simonsen is an author and managing editor of several books, including the Pearson Prentice Hall Legal Series titles *Essentials of Environmental Law*, 3rd ed. (2007), and *Computer-Aided Legal Research (CALR) on The Internet* (2006). Mr. Simonsen has spoken on occupational safety and health law, environmental law, and internet legal resource topics at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Expo and other professional conferences and webinars.

Mr. Simonsen has over twenty years of experience in handling large document, multi-party litigation matters, including class action employment-based, occupational safety and health, environmental, and toxic tort matters. For example, one matter involved hundreds of store managers at a large national chain store. Another matter involved many tens of parties working to settle liability in a Superfund case. Another matter involved the alleged chemical contamination of a facility property, which over thirty years allegedly contaminated a residential neighborhood. For these cases, large document image databases were set-up and used extensively in the discovery and trial phases of the proceedings.

Education

- M.A., Northeastern Illinois University (1985)
- Lawyer's Assistant Certificate, Litigation Specialty, Roosevelt University (1983)
- B.A., Northeastern Illinois University, with honors (1981)

Affiliations

- Illinois Paralegal Association
- National Safety Council

Presentations

- "Trends and Topics in Occupational Safety and Health Law," Paralegal Knowledge Institute Webinar (April 24, 2014)
- "Internet Sources For Energy And Environmental Compliance Information," Air and Waste Management Association's 2010 Annual Conference (June 22-25, 2010)

Whistleblower Team

Workplace
Whistleblower

- “Review of U.S. EPA’s Current Substantive Rulemaking,” Air and Waste Management Association’s 2009 Annual Conference (June 16-18, 2009)
- “Energy, Warming and Waste Compliance Internet Resource Demonstration” at the 2008 Annual WasteCon (October 21-23, 2008)
- “Overview of Environmental Law,” Air and Waste Management Association’s 2008 Annual Conference (June 24-27, 2008)
- “Internet Enforcement and Compliance Resources for the Air & Waste Management Professional,” Air and Waste Management Association’s 2008 Annual Conference (June 24-27, 2008)
- “Essentials of Environmental Law,” American Industrial Hygiene Association’s 2007 Annual Conference (June 1-7, 2007)
- “Navigating the Internet for the Waste Industry,” Waste Expo (May 7, 2007)
- “Essentials of Environmental Law,” National Association of Environmental Professionals 2007 Annual Conference (April 22 - 25, 2007)
- “SWANA E-Training Conferences: Overview of the Clean Air Act, and Overview of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,” Solid Waste Association of North America (March 13 & 20, 2007)
- “Environmental Law Paralegal -- Resources and Projects,” IPA Fall 2006 Education Conference (October 13, 2006)

Publications

- Co-Author, "Facing Addiction in the Workplace: The Surgeon General's Spotlight," *One Minute Memo*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (September 25, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Future Enterprise – Workplace Safety Compliance Comes to the Forefront for Expanding Healthcare Industry," *Employment Law Lookout*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (September 5, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Workplace Safety Comes to the Forefront for Expanding Healthcare Industry," *One Minute Memo*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (August 31, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Company and its Executives/Owners Charged With Criminally Violating Worker Safety and Environmental Laws That Led to Workers' Deaths," *Employment Law Lookout*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (August 28, 2018)
- Co-Author, "History Comes Back to Bite Employer — Criminal Conviction and \$500,000 Fine Upheld in Eighth Circuit for Violating Fall Protection Regulations," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (July 20, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Construction Industry and Other Outdoor Working Employees are Susceptible to Vector-Borne Pathogens from Ticks and Mosquitoes," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (May 21, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Robotics, Automation, and Employee Safety for the Future Employer," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (May 11, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Drive Much? NIOSH Focus on Workplace Safety for Employees Who Drive for Their Job," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (April 6, 2018)
- Co-Author, "California Hotel Workers Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Regulation to Take

- Effect July 1, 2018," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (March 15, 2018)
- Co-Author, "Cal/OSHA Drafts Rules for the Marijuana/Cannabis Industry and Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (February 9, 2018)
 - Co-Author, "Transportation and Workplace Violence Stand Out in Census of 2016 Fatal Occupational Injuries," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (January 17, 2018)
 - Co-Author, "Multinational Company in China – Are You Concerned About the Personal Credit System and Privacy Provisions in China? You Should Be!," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (December 12, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "Nothing to Sneeze At: Evaluating Employee Safety Protections in the Healthcare Industry," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (December 5, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "More Coffee Please: CBP Rules that Coffee's Country of Origin is Determined by Where Beans are Roasted — Not Where Raw Beans Actually Originate," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (November 30, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "Airport Active Shooter Incident — What Can Happen in Just 15 Seconds, and What Business Needs to Know," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (October 20, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "DOT Backs Away From Rulemaking on 'Safety Sensitive Positions' in Highway and Rail Transportation," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (August 11, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "11th Circuit Reminds Employers: Proceed Cautiously When Terminating Employees Shortly After FMLA Leave," *Employment Law Lookout Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (July 5, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "Marijuana Farm Employees Face Numerous Health Hazards," *The Blunt Truth Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (May 16, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "\$1.2 Million Dispute Between West Mountain Environmental and the Shanghai Hehui Environmental Technology," *Trading Secrets Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (April 5, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "OSHA Procedures for Retaliation Complaints Under the Affordable Care Act Await New Administration," *Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (January 18, 2017)
 - Co-Author, "Higher Education Institutions are Beginning to Get an Education in the FCPA," *Management Alert*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (December 22, 2016)
 - Co-Author, "What to Expect From OSHA in a President-Elect Trump Administration," *One Minute Memo*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (November 18, 2016)
 - Co-Author, "Despite Lawsuit, OSHA Publishes Interpretation for New Workplace Injury and Illness Reporting Rule," *Management Alert*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (November 4, 2016)
 - Co-Author, "OSHA and FAA Sign Agreement on Protecting Airline Workers from Retaliation," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (January 25, 2016)
 - Co-Author, "SEC Whistleblower Report Shows Increase In Tips," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (January 7, 2016)

- "OSHA Recommended Practices for Employers for Preventing and Addressing Retaliation," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (November 16, 2015)
- Co-Author, "Employer Ordered to Pay Whistleblower \$100,000 in Punitive Damage" *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (October 13, 2015)
- Co-Author, "A Tale Of 2 Cases Shows Dilemma Over Workplace Violence," *Law360* (August 24, 2015)
- Co-Author, "SEC Announces Third-Largest Dodd-Frank Bounty Award," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (July 21, 2015)
- Co-Author, "Judge Affirms OSHA Citation in Death of Healthcare Worker Killed by Mentally Ill Client," *Senior Living & Long-Term Care Blog*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (July 8, 2015)
- Co-Author, "Record \$17M Settlement Of False Claims Act Lawsuit Alleging Doctor Kickbacks," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (June 26, 2015)
- Co-Author, "An Update from the First Quarter of 2015," *Energy Insights*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (April 14, 2015)
- Co-Author, "Four Years to Sue on SOX Claim Withdrawn from OSHA," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (February 10, 2015)
- Co-Author, "Railroad Ordered to Pay \$225,000 in Whistleblower Action Where Employee Allegedly Lied About Prior Injuries," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (October 27, 2014)
- Co-Author, "New Rules Affecting Retail and Transportation Industry Reverse Logistics," *Retail Detail*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (October 14, 2014)
- Co-Author, "OSHA Head Says OSHA Will Lower Whistleblower's Burden of Proof in Investigations," *Workplace Whistleblower*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (September 15, 2014)
- Contributing Author and Administrator of the Employment Law Lookout: Insights for Management Blog, found at www.laborandemploymentlawcounsel.com
- Contributing Author and Administrator of the Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog, found at www.environmentalsafetyupdate.com
- "Essentials of Environmental Law," *Pearson Prentice Hall*, 3rd Edition (2007)
- "Computer-Aided Legal Research (CALR) on The Internet," *Pearson Prentice Hall* (2006)
- "Environmental Law Resource Guide," *Clark Boardman and Callaghan* (1995)
- Book Review, "Adaptive Governance: Integrating Science, Policy, and Decision Making," *Environmental Practice, Journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (June 2006)

Accolades

- Recognized as a top author three years in a row by the *JD Supra Readers' Choice* award (2016, 2017, and 2018)