



KYNDENOS LLC

Christopher P. Perzan, President

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President & Founder, KYNDENOS LLC

June 2024 to present

Vice President, Environment & Sustainability

Chief Environmental Counsel

January 2021 to March 2024

Navistar, Inc. (now known as International Motors LLC)

- Corporate leader for sustainability and environmental and member of the top management team within the Office of the General Counsel. Navistar is a manufacturer of International and IC Bus brand heavy-duty vehicles and is part of TRATON Group, the commercial heavy vehicle entity within Volkswagen Group.
- Served as head of sustainability for Navistar within TRATON Group. Helped optimize TRATON sustainability governance organization, including sustainability processes among the global business units and resource and role allocation within the business structure.
- Headed Science-Based Target Initiative climate and circular business plan initiatives. Oversaw first full corporate carbon footprint calculation. Led development of corporate sustainability goals, track and manage sustainability metrics and data systems.
- Managed development of annual corporate sustainability reports for a decade.
- Responsible for sustainability reporting, including the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and EU Taxonomy.
- Managed environmental compliance and permitting functions. Led overall environmental compliance and permitting efforts in development of a new vehicle manufacturing plant.
- Provided legal counsel on product regulatory and environmental issues including emissions certification, auditing, warranty and compliance issues.
- Key role in the merger with TRATON including negotiation, due diligence and other aspects of the merger and subsequent post-merger integration.
- Managed legacy environmental liabilities with significant remediation matters across the country and internationally. Maintain financial reserves, retain and oversee remediation consulting firms, manage outside counsel and relationships with governments and other parties.

Director of Environmental and Energy Affairs & Senior Counsel, 2014-2020

Senior Counsel, 2011-2014

Senior Attorney, 2009-2011

Attorney, 2008-2009

Navistar, Inc., Lisle IL

- Managed the environmental affairs function and served as counsel for environmental, health, safety, sustainability and product regulations for the company.
- Represented Navistar in EPA and NHTSA Heavy Duty greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency regulations that impacted the entire company product line. Supported business units in assessing third party technology and business feasibility of new fuel efficiency and emission technologies.
- Responsible for legal strategy that preserved the ability of the Company to manufacture engines against challenges in the DC Circuit and managed a very complex regulatory environment. Resolved major regulatory enforcement matters with federal and California authorities.
- Advised the Company on setting up sustainability program, setting corporate boundaries for the carbon footprint. Provided external advice and comment to Sustainability Accounting Standards Board as part of the SASB Industrial Machinery sustainability standard working group.
- Provided legal advice on joint ventures, asset purchases and divestitures, significant supply agreements, purchase and sale agreements, real estate transactions, facility development and other commercial transactions. Participated in labor negotiations.

Law Offices of Christopher P. Perzan, PC, 2006-2008

Chicago

- Started and ran law practice focusing on environmental compliance, redevelopment of contaminated properties and using sustainable development practices to reduce risk.

Assistant Attorney General, 2002-2006

Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Chicago

- Litigation of numerous environmental matters across all media in state and federal court.
- Counsel in significant matters including:
 - Successfully trying a multi-week public water supply case.
 - Lead counsel in a major investigation and case involving radioactive discharges from nuclear power plants.
 - Litigated case involving the first successful application of the responsible corporate officer doctrine in Illinois.
 - Led investigation into toxic contaminants in consumer products resulting in a number of negotiated recalls with major retailers and distributors.

Assistant Counsel, 1994-2002

Illinois EPA, Springfield IL

- Counsel for the highly industrial St. Louis metro-east region of Illinois handling complex environmental permitting, enforcement and compliance issues.
- State representative to the EPA Region 5 Gateway Initiative responsible for coordinating multi-media state/federal joint investigations and environmental enforcement cases.

- Member of the regulatory development team that developed up the first voluntary cleanup and redevelopment program approved by US EPA.
- Critical role in a bankruptcy settlement that allowed redevelopment of a steel mill that EPA cited as a “landmark” settlement.
- Worked on numerous policy matters, including waste-to-energy facility issues

EDUCATION

JD, Washington University School of Law

St. Louis, MO

- Executive Note and Comment Editor, *Washington University Law Review*
- Research Assistant to Professor Richard J. Lazarus (currently at Harvard Law School).

BA, Knox College

Galesburg, IL

BAR ADMISSION

State of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

[Notable Leader in Sustainability – 2024](#), Crain’s Chicago Business (April 2024)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Innovative and Advanced Technology Greenhouse Gas Credit for Heavy Duty Vehicles and Engines, ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources 2012 Year in Review, April 2013

What You Should Know About Green Building, CBA Record (Journal of the Chicago Bar Association), November 2006

Proximate Cause in Environmental Contamination Cases, Illinois Bar Journal, August 2001