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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY SHEET

The following information will be used by session moderators in introducing presentations for the conference. The conference is sponsored by the Minnesota Section, Central States Water Environment Association, a member association of the International Water Environment Federation, and the Air & Waste Management Association – Upper Midwest Section.

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Brief Professional History/Awards/Publications:

Thad has practiced environmental law over two decades. The majority of his practice involves representing corporate and government clients in private party environmental litigation and in enforcement actions brought by federal and state authorities. Thad also advises corporate and government clients regarding compliance with environmental laws. Before helping to form The Environmental Law Group in 2000, he was a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, LLP, and a shareholder at Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman, Ltd. Thad also served as a Trial Attorney with the Environment Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, DC, where he was lead counsel in numerous enforcement actions brought by EPA to enforce the Clean Air Act and other federal environmental statutes. He is the author of numerous articles addressing environmental law and litigation, and has lectured on such issues at more than thirty seminars. Thad holds an “AV” rating, the highest peer-reviewed skill rating possible, from *Martindale-Hubbell*, a 130-year old impartial legal information agency. He is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, is an adjunct professor of environmental law at the William Mitchell College of Law, and has taught at the University of Minnesota Law School. Thad is the past Chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Section, has been a member of the Section’s Governing Council since 2002, is the Section’s representative to the Minnesota State Bar Association’s board of directors, and is Vice-Chair of the MSBA board of director’s Legislative Committee. He is also the former the Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law’s Special Committee on Science and Technology.

Education Background:

Thad earned his Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was associate editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, from Gonzaga University.

Title of Presentation: Ready, Aim, Defend: Preparing for an Air Enforcement Action

Brief Presentation Description: (2-3 sentences) This session will provide insights in defending enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act, including strategies for responding to requests for information, identifying

possible defenses to alleged violations, assessing the scope of possible injunctive relief, and negotiating penalty demands.

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