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Fred Wagner is a partner in Venable's Environmental Group. He joined the Firm in February 2017 after working in the private sector for over 20 years, and also serving in the U.S. Department of Justice Environment Division and as Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration. As Chief Counsel, Fred directed all of FHWA's programmatic and operational legal work, including compliance, ethics and business law functions pertaining to such areas as administration of FHWA grants and contracts, records management and disclosure, and personnel management. Fred assisted U.S. Department of Transportation leadership on the highest priority legislative and regulatory issues, and partnered with the DOJ in the defense of litigation challenging transportation projects of national significance. He managed all legal matters concerning the \$40 billion Federal-Aid Highway program, including environmental and natural resources issues for highway and multi-modal transportation projects across the U.S. In addition to his tenure at FHWA, Fred also served as a Trial Attorney in the Environment Division of the DOJ and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.