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## Experience

Ms. Yates has practiced law at Holland & Hart since she graduated cum laude from Boston University School of Law in 1990. Ms. Yates recently served for five years as the Administrative Partner of the firm's Denver Tech Center Office. At Holland & Hart, Ms. Yates' litigation practice is divided into three areas: commercial litigation, oil and gas, and space law.

Ms. Yates represents major and mid-sized companies with business interests in the Rocky Mountain region and throughout the world. As a litigator, Ms. Yates has defended a range of cases, from small lawsuits to mass tort and class actions.

In service to the firm's space industry clients, Ms. Yates has advised them on government contracting and risk avoidance issues. She actively participates in the Colorado Space Coalition. In that capacity, she has testified to the Colorado congressional delegation on export controls, drafted working documents analyzing the impacts on industry, and proposed legislative solutions. In addition, Ms. Yates has worked closely with her client, the Colorado Springs-based Space Foundation, to present practical and real-world advice at the International Space Symposium, in Toulouse, France, and the National Space Symposium held annually in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She developed the first legal workshop presented during the symposium to ensure that the space industry learns about cutting-edge developments in the law and the opportunities for risk avoidance and has chaired a panel discussion on the development of commercial spaceflight law and policy.

She has published and presented on commercial spaceflight law nationally and abroad: Space Conference of the Americas (2010, Pachuca, Mexico); International Bar Association (2008, Buenos Aires); the International Institute of Space Law (2006, Valencia); the University of Nebraska Law School (2008); and University of Colorado School of Law (2009).

Ms. Yates received her Certificate of Completion from the International Space University (ISU) Summer Session Program 2003, held in Strasbourg, France. In addition to coursework in space policy and law, this program involved an intensive interdisciplinary curriculum covering the principal space-related fields, including spacecraft design and engineering, satellite applications, orbital mechanics, life sciences, physical sciences, and business management. During the program, Ms. Yates co-authored *TRACKS to Space*:

*Technology Research and Cooperative Knowledge Sharing*, a report on innovative space technologies commissioned by the European Space Agency.

## Professional and Civic Activities

- Vice-Chair, International Bar Association, Space Law Committee. Presenter at September 2006 annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois; 2007 conferences in Beijing, China, and Singapore; and 2008 conference in Buenos Aires.
- Member, Colorado Space Coalition
- Member, International Institute of Space Law. Presenter at October 2006 session in Valencia, Spain.
- Member, American Bar Association, Torts and Insurance Practice Section, Aviation and Space Law Committee (2001 to present) (presenter at 2003 Annual Aviation and Space Law Committee Conference, October 2003).
- Member, American Bar Association Forum on Air and Space Law (1999 to present) (worked with space industry experts from around the world to present issues at the Air and Space Law Conference in Montreal, Canada in August 2000).
- Member, Colorado Space Business Roundtable
- Advisor, Secure World Foundation (2007 to present)

## Publications and Speaking Engagements

Roundtable moderator for two sessions on export controls affecting the aerospace industry, leading to the development of a set of guidelines for early-stage companies (2009-10).

“Informal Regulation of Space Activities,” *Nebraska Law Review*, vol. 87, No. 2 (2008).

“Keeping Pace with Space Tourism,” *International Bar News*, October 2007.

“U.S. ‘Deemed Export’ Law Threaten International Collaboration and Education,” *International Bar Association Outer Space Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 8, No. 1, June 2006.

“Proposed Changes to ‘Deemed Export’ Law Threaten International Collaboration,” published in *International Space Review* in September and October 2005.



As an invited speaker, Ms. Yates was a panelist in the webcast program sponsored by the National Remote Sensing Institute in 2007.

Spoke on changes in space law during the November 15, 2007 CLE program "Aviation and Space Law."

Prepared and presented her paper, "Implications of a Market-Driven FCC Rule for Frequency Allocations," at the ISU Alumni Conference, SSP03, in Strasbourg, France, and at the ABA Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section's 2003 Annual Aviation and Space Law Committee Conference, October 2003.

### Education

International Space University (Summer 2003)  
Certificate of Completion)

Boston University (J.D.1990)  
*cum laude*  
Editor, *Boston University Law Review*

Stanford University (B.A.1986)  
Religious Studies  
With Honors

University of North Dakota (2000)  
graduate work in Remote Sensing Policy and Law