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Experience

From January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, Mr. Wolfe served as the Managing Partner of Holland & Hart. In this position, he reported to the Chairman of the Management Committee and the five-member committee. He was responsible for the day-to-day management of Holland & Hart and for implementing its strategic goals and plans.

Mr. Wolfe served as the Chairman of Holland & Hart's Natural Resources Department from 2001 through 2006. That department is a fully integrated group of more than 50 lawyers practicing in energy, water rights, environmental, minerals and utility law in all states in which Holland & Hart has offices. He was one of three Department Chairs who had day-to-day management responsibility for the Firm's legal practices.

Mr. Wolfe is listed in Best Lawyers in America in the fields of natural resources, energy, administrative, governmental relations, water, and environmental law. He is also recognized as a leading attorney by *Chambers USA* in the practice areas of Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Tax Law and General Commercial Litigation. In addition, he is recognized in the area of environmental law in the 2007 Mountain States Super Lawyers and he was the subject of a feature article in that publication.

Mr. Wolfe joined Holland & Hart in 1985 after serving as Chief of the Natural Resources Division, Wyoming Attorney General's Office from 1983 to 1985 and Assistant Attorney General from 1980 to 1985. While serving with the Attorney General's Office he represented the State in water and environmental issues and served as the State's chief water lawyer.

Mr. Wolfe's practice involves administrative and regulatory advice and litigation and legislative matters. He maintains an active governmental relations practice before Wyoming state agencies and the Wyoming legislature, as well as dealing with federal agencies and Congress.

In addition, he has focused on tax and royalty litigation and counseling for our industrial and extractive industry clients. He has represented mining, oil and gas and commercial clients in extensive litigation before the Wyoming tax agencies and in the courts. This work covers all types of taxes, including severance, ad valorem, sales and use, railcar, public utilities and local property tax. He has been involved in a number of significant tax cases decided by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Wyoming Dept. of Revenue v. Exxon Mobil Corp., 150 P.3d 1216 (Wyo. 2007);
RME Petroleum Co. v. Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 150 P.3d 673 (Wyo. 2007);
Thunder Basin Coal Co. v. Campbell County, Wyoming Assessor, Case Nos. 05-117, 05-118 and 05-119 (Wyo. 2006);
BP America Prod. Co. v. Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 112 P.3d 596 (Wyo. 2005);
Samson Resources Co. v. Abraxas Wamsutter LP, 117 Fed.Appx. 641 (10th Cir. 2004) (unpublished opinion);
State of Wyoming v. Powder River Coal Co., 90 P.3d 1158 (Wyo. 2004);
EOG Resources, Inc. v. Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 86 P.3d 1280 (Wyo. 2004);
Lance Oil & Gas Co. v. Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 101 P.3d 156 (Wyo. 2004);
Bd. of County Commissioners for Sublette County v. Exxon Mobil Corp., 55 P.3d 714 (Wyo. 2002);
Powder River Coal Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 38 P.3d 423, 2002 WY 5 (Wyo. 2002);
Colorado Interstate Gas Co. v. Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 20 P.3d 528, 148 Oil & Gas Rep. 147, 2001 WY 34 (Wyo. 2001);
Wexpro Co. v. Brimhall, 7 P.3d 42 (Wyo. 2000);
Dept. of Revenue and Exxon Corp. v. Sublette County, 987 P.2d 158, 143 Oil & Gas Rep. 400 (Wyo. 1999);
Frontier Refining, Inc. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 915 P.2d 1184 (Wyo. 1996);
Rock Springs Ford Nissan v. State Bd. of Equalization, Wyoming Dept. of Revenue, 890 P.2d 1100 (Wyo. 1995);
Amox Coal West, Inc. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 896 P.2d 1329 (Wyo. 1995);
CIG Exploration, Inc., et al., v. State Dept. of Revenue, 880 P.2d 601 (Wyo. 1994);
Colorado Interstate Gas Co. v. Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America, 842 P.2d 1067 (Wyo. 1992);
Meridian Aggregates Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 827 P.2d 375 (Wyo. 1991);
Amox Coal Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 819 P.2d 825 (Wyo. 1991);
Amox Coal Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 819 P.2d 834 (Wyo. 1991);
Amoco Production Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 797 P.2d 552 (Wyo. 1990);
Exxon Corp. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 783 P.2d 685 (Wyo. 1989);
Amoco Production Co. v. Wyoming State Bd. of Equalization, 751 P.2d 379 (Wyo. 1988).

Publications

Mr. Wolfe has been a contributing editor to the RIA State and Local Taxation publication and has written a monograph on Wyoming Sales and Use Tax.

Mr. Wolfe is the author or co-author of six published law review articles, including three by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute.

Professional Activities

Mr. Wolfe was appointed by the Wyoming Governor in October 1995 to serve on the Title 39 Task Force, which was charged with rewriting and recodifying the entire Wyoming Tax Code. This was a multi-year effort that resulted in the 1998 Wyoming Legislature adopting a completely revised tax code.

Mr. Wolfe has served the Cheyenne community in various capacities including Chairman of Cheyenne LEADS, Chairman of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, President of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, Chairman of the Economic Development Joint Powers Board, and President of the Board of Directors of Southeast Wyoming Legal Services. He is also a member of the Cheyenne Rotary Club.

In Denver, Mr. Wolfe served as a member of the Mile High United Way fundraising cabinet. He also participated in the Denver Chamber Foundation Leadership Exchange trips to Phoenix, AZ (2007) and Vancouver, B.C. (2008).

Education

University of Wyoming (J.D. 1980)

- *Managing Editor, Land & Water Law Review*

University of California, Davis (B.A. 1974)