



Angela Franklin

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Angela leverages her 30 plus years of transaction and title experience to provide energy and natural resources clients with the comprehensive services and practical solutions they require.

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas

Mining

Energy and Resources

Electric Power

EDUCATION

University of Wyoming, J.D., 1990

University of Wyoming, B.S., 1986

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

Wyoming

She advises clients on acquisition, divestiture, merger, exploration, development, and financing projects and transactions. She guides clients through complex administrative agency requirements and prepares the documents and agreements necessary to accomplish their goals.

Angela has significant experience examining title to and conducting due diligence reviews of federal, state, Indian, and private lands and leases throughout the Rocky Mountain region, and rendering acquisition, drilling, division order, financing, and counsel opinions. She regularly advises on the intricacies of federal leases and federal units.

Being from a multi-generational oil and gas family, Angela has a deep appreciation for the energy and natural resources industries she serves and understands the needs of the people working in these industries.

EXPERIENCE

Counsels clients on and prepares:

- Counsel Opinion Letters
- Due Diligence Reviews – as lead or local counsel, representing the acquiring, divesting, or financing entity
- Easement Agreements
- Exploration Agreements
- Farmout Agreements
- Joint Operating Agreements
- Participation Agreements
- Pooling and Communitization Agreements
- Purchase and Sale Agreements
- Surface Access and Use Agreements
- Title Curative and Title Documents
- Title Opinions – drilling, division order, acquisition, and financing
- Federal or State Unit and Unit Operating Agreements

Advises clients on:

- Bankruptcy and distressed assets – acquisition or divestiture
- Conveying – assets, leases, lands, and permits
- Leasing and lease status – private, federal, state, and Indian
- Mid-stream marketing agreements
- Pooling – voluntary and force/compulsory
- Permitting
- Surface access and governing state laws and regulatory requirements
- Units – federal or state exploratory and secondary recovery
- Water rights
- Well location, permitting, and spacing

Represents clients before:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Interior Board of Land Appeals
- Utah Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments

CLIENT RESULTS

- Local counsel due diligence review of a \$2.5 billion pipeline in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa for the financing entity
- Local counsel for the acquiring entity in a \$2.5 billion acquisition of oil and gas properties in Rocky Mountain states
- Co-counsel in a \$400 million exchange of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming
- Co-counsel in a \$260 million divestiture of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming
- Local counsel due diligence review of \$117 million membership interest in a pipeline and gathering system in Wyoming for the acquiring entity
- Represented the acquiring entity in a \$100 million acquisition of producing oil and gas properties in Wyoming
- Local counsel for the borrowing entity in a \$14 million mining project in Utah
- Represented the acquiring entity in a \$10 million acquisition of royalty and mineral interests throughout the Rocky Mountain states
- Served as neutral arbitrator in joint operating agreement and participation agreement dispute

PUBLICATIONS

"So It Begins – Biden "Pauses" New Oil and Gas Leases on Federal Lands," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 01/27/2021

"Biden Administration Issues Temporary Suspension of BLM/BIA

Approvals," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 01/22/2021

"Proposed BLM Interim Guidance to Provide Relief for Oil & Gas Operators," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 04/22/2020

"Curative documents and Tools: You Have a Defect Now What Do You Do?," *Oil and Gas Mineral Title Examination*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Co-Author, 2019

"BLM Directives Rein In the Federal APD Environmental Review Process," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 06/19/2018

"What Are the Types of Interests in Federal Oil and Gas Leases and How Are They Assigned?," *The Oil & Gas Report*, February 2018

"What is a Federal Right-of-Way Lease for Oil and Gas?," *The Oil & Gas Report*, April 2017

"Saving the Best for Last – What is All That Stuff at the End of My Lease?," *Holland & Hart Oil & Gas Report*, 2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Lessons from the Rocky Mountain West Experience: Hot Topics in the Oil and Gas Industry," *Panelist, Women's Energy Network Annual Conference*, Denver, CO, March 28, 2019

"Dotting Your I's and Crossing Your T's : Ensuring Proper Payment and Execution," *Special Institute on Drafting and Negotiating the Modern Oil & Gas Lease*, Co-Presenter, May 2018

"Comparative Law Review Panel: Texas, Oklahoma and the Rockies," *63rd Annual Meeting, American Association of Professional Landmen*, Co-Presenter, 2017

"Balancing Risk in Title Opinions," *Advanced Mineral Title Examination – Oil, Gas, and Mining Special Institute*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2014

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*© Lawyer of the Year, Oil and Gas Law – Salt Lake City, 2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© Oil and Gas Law, 2007-2016, 2018-2021
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Energy & Resources, 2008-2020
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Energy & Natural Resources, 2006, 2010-2012, 2015-2018, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Professional Landmen, Member, 1990-present; Education Development Committee, 2018-present
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Member, 1990-present; Trustee-at-Large, 2005-2008, 2014-2016; Long Range Planning Committee, 1998-2019; Special Projects Committee, 2015-2017; Grants Committee 2017-present
- Utah Association of Professional Landmen, Member, 1990-present; President, 1995-1996, 2004-2005; Oil and Gas Seminars, Chair, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2005
- Utah State Bar, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section, Member, 1990-present; Oil and Gas Section, Chair, 1994-1995
- Expanding Your Horizons, Volunteer Presenter, 2008-present
- Holland & Hart Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2013-present; Volunteer, 2011-present
- Immune Deficiency Foundation, Volunteer, 2014-present