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**Angela Franklin has nearly 30 years' experience representing oil, gas, mining, and water clients in virtually all types of acquisition, divestiture, exploration, production, and financing transactions.**

With experience in matters involving both public and private lands, clients engage Angela to find practical solutions to their business needs. She is from a multi-generational oil and gas family that gives her a deep appreciation for the natural resources industries she serves.

Angela has extensive experience with title examination of private, Federal, State, and Indian lands throughout the Rocky Mountain region and rendering drilling, division order, acquisition, and financing opinions. In addition, she advises clients in complex acquisition and divestiture transactions, including performing all aspects of curative work and preparing transaction agreements.

### EXPERIENCE

Counsels clients on and prepares:

- Due diligence reviews
- Easement Agreements
- Exploration Agreements
- Farmout Agreements
- Joint Operating Agreements
- Participation Agreements
- Pooling Agreements
- Purchase and Sale Agreements
- Title Opinions – drilling, division order, acquisition, and financing
- Unit and Unit Operating Agreements

Advises clients on:

- Conveyancing
- Leasing
- Mid-stream marketing agreements
- Pooling – voluntary and force/compulsory
- Spacing and location rules
- Title curative

### PRACTICES

Oil and Gas  
Mining  
Water Law  
Environmental and Natural Resources

### EDUCATION

University of Wyoming, J.D., 1990  
University of Wyoming, B.S., 1986

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah  
Wyoming

- Units – federal/state exploratory and secondary recovery
- Water rights
- Well permitting

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

\$2.5 billion pipeline financing due diligence in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa

\$2.5 billion acquisition of oil and gas properties in Rocky Mountain states

\$400 million exchange of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming

\$260 million divestiture of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming

\$100 million acquisition of producing oil and gas properties in Wyoming

\$10 million acquisition of royalty and mineral interests throughout the Rocky Mountain states

Title experience in Bakken, Niobrara, and Permian Basin shale plays

## PUBLICATIONS

"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

"Communitization Agreements in the 21st Century," *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Journal*, Vol. 52, No. 1, Co-Author, 2015

"A Roadmap for Commencement of Drilling Operations: Are We There Yet?," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 8/14/2015

"If It's Wrong, You Got Nothin' - Execution of Instruments," *Holland & Hart*

News Update, 8/21/2014

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"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

"Comparative Oil and Gas Review of West Coast Law," *Co-Presenter, 58th Annual Meeting, American Association of Professional Landmen*, 2012

"Curative Documents and Tools: You have a defect now what do you do?," *Presenter, Nuts and Bolts of Mineral Title Examination Special Institute*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2012

"Communitization Agreements in the 21st Century," *Presenter, Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Pooling and Unitization Special Institute*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2006

## **RECOGNITION**

- *Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Oil and Gas Law – Salt Lake City, 2014
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Oil and Gas Law, 2007-2016, 2018-2019
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Energy & Resources, 2008-2018
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Energy & Natural Resources, 2006, 2010-2012, 2015-2018

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- American Association of Professional Landmen, Member, 1990-present
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Member, 1990-present; Trustee-at-Large, 2005-2008, 2014-2016; Long Range Planning Committee, 1998-present; Special Projects Committee, 2015-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