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Dessa guides clients through complex layers of federal, state, tribal, and local environmental and cultural permitting requirements to advance their projects on federal and tribal lands.

She also defends project permits in state and federal court. Dessa has assisted in the successful development of renewable, oil and gas, coal, pipeline, transmission, mineral materials, and water projects throughout the West.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Dessa completed a one-year judicial clerkship with the Honorable William F. Downes (Ret.) of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming.

PRACTICES

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
 Endangered Species and Wildlife Regulation
 Environmental and Natural Resources
 NEPA, Public Lands, and Cultural Resources
 American Indian Law
 Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
 Mining
 Oil and Gas
 Electric Power

EDUCATION

University of Wyoming College of Law,
 J.D., 2004
summa cum laude
 Managing Editor, Wyoming Law Review

University of Wyoming, B.A., 2001
summa cum laude
 Psychology Major
 Minors in Sociology and Spanish
 University of Wyoming Honors Program

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming

EXPERIENCE

Environmental Permitting and Litigation

- Defend project authorizations in litigation and appeals before the Interior Board of Land Appeals and the federal courts
- Advise clients regarding NEPA, ESA, and NHPA compliance for major project development
- Mineral Leasing Act and Federal Land Policy and Management Act leasing and right-of-way authorizations
- Represent client interests throughout Federal land use planning processes

American Indian Law

- Negotiate mineral leases, land leases, and rights-of-way for energy, natural resource, and utility projects in Indian Country, including addressing issues of sovereign immunity, Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), allottee consent, and Bureau of Indian Affairs approval processes
- Represent tribes on a variety of issues, including Indian Education and Self Determination Act (Public Law 638) contract negotiations

Local Land Use

- Navigate land use regulations and approval processes, including defense of projects and development permits in state court

CLIENT RESULTS

Representative Experience

Advised clients throughout the environmental NEPA review and ESA consultation processes for oil and gas, mining, and other projects, including meeting with and negotiating with local, state, tribal, and federal regulators, drafting sections of environmental documents, and submitting official comments on documents.

Assisted clients in negotiating and closing mineral and land lease agreements with Native American tribal governments, including conducting tribal due diligence and working with the individual Indian landowners and Bureau of Indian Affairs on approval processes.

Successfully defended numerous large oil and gas projects, coal mining permits, and other projects before the Interior Board of Land Appeals and in federal court on NEPA, FLPMA, and other procedural claims.

Advised renewable energy companies on NEPA and ESA requirements for operations on public lands.

Advised clients and prepared comments on draft land use planning and other administrative rules.

PUBLICATIONS

"Sovereign States Pitted Against Sovereign Tribes in Recent Federal District Court Decision," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 09/20/2021

"Assessing Climate Costs in Policy Decisions," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 03/22/2021

"Cultural Resources," *Environmental Aspects of Real Estate and Commercial Transactions, Fifth Edition*, American Bar Association, Co-Author, Chapter 27, 2021

"Answers to Key Questions about the Revised CEQ NEPA Regulations," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 08/19/2020

"Council on Environmental Quality Issues Final NEPA Rule," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 07/17/2020

"Herrera v. Wyoming: Crow tribal treaty rights re-examined," *42 Wyoming Lawyer* 7, Dec 2019

"Ecological Succession of National Forest Planning Regulations," *33 Natural Resources & Environment* 8, Co-Author, Winter 2019

"Cultural Resource Protection," *American Law of Mining*, Chapter 176, 2018

"National Environmental Policy Act," *American Law of Mining*, Co-Author, Chapter 167, 2018

"The Council on Environmental Quality Solicits Comments to Update NEPA Regulations," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 06/20/2018

"Holland & Hart Scores Win for Mancos Shale Oil & Gas Operators; No Drilling Moratorium During Well Approval Process," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 05/01/2018

"When is a Forest Open for Hunting? Indian Treaty Hunting Rights on National Forests and Other Public Lands," *ABA Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources, Public Land Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 14, No. 2, Co-Author, June 2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"The New NEPA Regulations: Long Overdue Update or Radical Sea Change," *RMMLF Webinar*, co-presenter, September 2020

"Herrera v. Wyoming," *University of Wyoming College of Law*, October 2018

"Climate Change Policy Through Litigation," *University of Wyoming Landscape Discussion on Energy and Policy*, October 2018

"Indian Law: Culture, Conflict, and Why History Matters," *ABA Young Lawyers Division Mountain West Regional Summit*, April 2018

RECOGNITION

- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Environmental, 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Wyoming Chapter, President, 2013-present
- American Bar Association
 - Native American Resource Committee, Vice-Chair, 2018-present
 - Public Lands Committee, Co-Chair, 2016-2018, Vice-Chair, 2018-present
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
 - Secretary, 2021-2023
 - Director, 2017-2018
 - Annual Institute, Trustee, 2014-2016
 - Administrative Law Special Institute Co-Chair, 2018-2019
 - NEPA Special Institute Committee Co-Chair, 2017
- Jackson Hole Stingrays Swim Team, Board President, 2017-present