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Jeff is a litigator who helps clients resolve complex disputes.

Jeff's comprehensive approach to his practice provides support at each step of his clients' needs. He uses his deep understanding of his clients' industries to counsel them on how to avoid or resolve disputes before litigation begins. In situations where litigation is inevitable, Jeff provides seasoned litigation experience to guide them to favorable results.

His understanding of a client's industry allows him to provide innovative, focused litigation strategies. Jeff leverages his experience trying and arguing cases before the Wyoming Supreme Court and state trial courts to position his clients for the best possible outcome.

Jeff represents mining, oil and gas, refining, pipeline, construction, government contracting, and other businesses before state courts, federal courts, and domestic and international arbitration panels.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Jeff was Head of the Criminal Appeals Section of the Wyoming Attorney General's office, where he briefed and argued dozens of appeals before the Wyoming Supreme Court.

EXPERIENCE

Dispute Resolution

Jeff helps clients in multiple industries, including energy generation, mining, oil and gas exploration, oil and gas development, refining, and construction, to resolve commercial, contract, property, and administrative disputes outside of the courtroom. Jeff:

- Negotiates and mediates disputes
- Develops strategies that allow clients to avoid or minimize disputes

Litigation

When a client needs an advocate before a court, arbitration panel, or government agency, Jeff's years of experience trying cases and arguing before the Wyoming Supreme Court allow him to:

- Project the needs and demands of a case from start to finish
- Develop strategies to fit a client's goals
- Lead the development of the case from the initial pleading stage through trial
- Serve as the lead advocate for clients at hearings and trials

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Litigation

Environmental and Natural Resources
Commercial Litigation

Appellate

Project Development

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas

Mining

EDUCATION

University of Kansas School of Law, J.D.,
2011

Order of the Coif

Kansas Law Review, Editor

The Catholic University of America, B.A.,
2006

magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming

Colorado

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of
Wyoming

U.S. District Court for the District of
Colorado

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth
Circuit

- Represent clients before appellate panels

Industrial Project Development

Jeff assists companies in navigating the industrial siting process in Wyoming. He helps them plan their project from the jurisdictional meeting phase to contested case hearings before Wyoming's Industrial Siting Council. Jeff has assisted clients in a variety of industries navigate this process, securing permits for carbon capture projects, large commercial wind facilities, and refining operations.

CLIENT RESULTS

- Won case of first impression in the nation to resolve development dispute between mining and oil and gas interests, allowing the world's largest surface coal mine to protect the viability of its operations. *BTU Western Resources et. al v. Berenergy Corp.*, 2019 WY 57 (2019).
- Won first order in lieu of consent case litigated in over 30 years and secured affirmance on appeal, allowing first coal mine permit application in over 40 years to proceed.
- Secured reversal of Environmental Quality Council's denial of coal mine permit in a case of first impression about Wyoming's Environmental Quality Act.
- Won the renewal of coal mine permit in litigation before Wyoming's Environmental Quality Council.
- Secured reversal of \$31 million judgment in royalty dispute before the Wyoming Supreme Court.
- Led team that acquired industrial siting permit for Fortune 100 company's state of the art carbon capture project.

PUBLICATIONS

"Covenants running with the land: a must for energy companies to manage risk," *Wyoming Business Report*, December 2017

"Why Mine Permitting in Wyoming Just Got Harder," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 11/14/2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Surface Uses for Pipelines—Going Beyond Leasehold Rights," *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute on Oil & Gas Agreements: Surface Use in the 21st Century*, May 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Wyoming College of Law Prosecution Assistance Clinic, Guest Lecturer, 2013-present
- Cheyenne East High School, Debate Coach, 2011-present
- Wyoming College of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law, 2015-2016
- Wyoming Blockchain Coalition, Founding Member, 2018