



## Kelly Johnson

Partner

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**Kelly Johnson leverages her experience and knowledge of the executive, legislative, and judicial systems to deliver clients strategic solutions to the complex challenges they face.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
 Environmental Compliance and Enforcement  
 Government Affairs  
 Mining  
 American Indian Law  
 NEPA, Public Lands, and Cultural Resources  
 Oil and Gas  
 State and Local Tax

### EDUCATION

Indiana University School of Law, J.D., 1990  
*magna cum laude*  
 Order of the Coif

Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, M.P.A., 1990  
 Environmental Policy

Cook College - Rutgers University, B.S., 1986  
 High Honors  
 Alpha Zeta Honor Society

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
 District of Columbia  
 Pennsylvania

Kelly's practice, at the intersection of law and public policy, includes providing environmental and natural resources compliance advice and helping clients subject to federal enforcement investigations or proceedings. She focuses on environmental, energy, and natural resource matters for a diverse range of corporate entities including mining, oil and gas and renewable energy companies.

After starting her career at Holland & Hart, Kelly served as Senior Counsel to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. She later was the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General in the Environment & Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice representing the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, and other federal agencies in litigation involving their environmental and conservation decisions. Kelly draws on the expertise and relationships established through her public service on Capitol Hill and the Department of Justice to develop and execute strategies that promote or protect clients' interests before federal decision makers in Washington, D.C.

From 2012 to 2017, Kelly led the firm's Environment and Natural Resources practice, one of the largest in the country at over 100 lawyers. Kelly currently serves as the Administrative Partner of the Washington DC office.

### EXPERIENCE

Kelly has experience in many areas of environmental and natural resources law, including:

- Federal legislative and regulatory affairs
- Federal and state statutory and regulatory programs to address climate change and limit greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial sector
- Defending Clean Air Act and Resource Conservation Recovery Act investigations and enforcement proceedings
- Federal litigation involving environmental and land management statutes
- Environmental compliance and permitting

- American Indian Law

## CLIENT RESULTS

Represented iron, coal, and precious metals mining companies on regulatory matters before the Department of the Interior and Environmental Protection Agency.

Represented mining companies in state and federal efforts to adopt, and implement, greenhouse gas cap-and-trade programs.

Negotiated a Clean Air Act settlement for an oil and gas producer.

Successfully resolved a Resource Conservation & Recovery Act enforcement action against a mining company.

Led the donation of mineral lands to the National Park Service.

Represented a hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal company in a Clean Air Act enforcement action.

Developed and implemented a successful legislative strategy to secure Congressional authorization of a three-party land exchange resolving a long-standing tribal land claim.

Successfully convinced the Bureau of Land Management that the agency had the legal authority to allow the on-site use of mine waste methane.

Executed a successful legislative strategy to secure Congressional approval of a multistate project in the western United States.

## PUBLICATIONS

"The Opportunity to Trump Obama's Environmental & Energy Agenda," *The University of Texas School of Law 39th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute*, May 2017

"2016 Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Data Reporting," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 2/29/2016

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"What to Expect in the 116th Congress," *Utah Legislative Preview*, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 2019

"Keynote Address Panel Moderator with Trump Administration Officials," *Fall Conference, American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources*, San Diego, California, October 2018

"2017 Review of Federal Environmental Requirements Impacting the Mining Industry," *2017 IMA-NA Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, September 2017

"Trump's Energy & Environment Agenda: The View from Washington, D.C.," *Treasure State Resources Association 41st Annual Meeting*,

Fairmont, MT, June 2017

"President Trump's First 100 Days in Energy – Elections Do Matter," *Utah Association of Energy Users 32nd Annual UAE Conference*, May 2017

"The Opportunity to Trump Obama's Environmental & Energy Agenda," *The University of Texas at Austin School of Law 2017 Corporate Counsel Institute*, May 2017

"Utah Legislative Preview 2017," Salt Lake City, UT, January 2017

"The Potential to Trump Obama's Environmental Agenda: A Preview of the First 100 Days of the Trump Administration and the 115th Congress," Salt Lake City, UT, January 2017

"Environmental Issues 2016," *Spring Meeting of the Industrial Minerals Association of North America*, 2016

"Environmental Issues in the 114th Congress," *Spring Meeting of the Industrial Minerals Association of North America*, 2015

## **RECOGNITION**

- Washington DC Super Lawyer®, Energy & Natural Resources

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Distinguished Alumni Counsel, 2013-Present
- District of Columbia Bar, Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section Steering Committee, Co-Chair, 2008-2010