



## Isaac Sutphin

Partner

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**Isaac effectively advises clients on litigation and administrative law in a variety of practice areas.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement  
 Environmental and Natural Resources  
 Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights  
 Eminent Domain  
 Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation  
 Oil and Gas  
 Product Liability

### EDUCATION

University of Wyoming, B.A., 1999  
 With Honors  
 Honors Trustees' Superior Student Scholarship  
  
 J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, J.D., 2003  
*cum laude*  
 Executive Board Member, B.Y.U. Education & Law Journal  
 Executive Board Member, Federalist Society

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming  
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

He handles matters that include insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, FELA defense, natural resources, and oil and gas.

Isaac specializes in condemnation and other land use and access matters for oil and gas companies. His practice focuses on linear projects ranging from interstate transmission pipelines to local gathering systems. Isaac has successfully negotiated numerous easements and surface use agreements for a variety of energy clients. He has also acquired access rights through condemnation proceedings in both federal and state courts.

He counsels oil and gas and other energy sector clients in permitting, licensing, and compliance matters. He has also been involved in complex, multi-party litigation, including trial practice, motion practice, appellate practice, and alternative dispute resolution. He has practiced before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council, the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and other administrative bodies as well as numerous state and federal courts in Wyoming.

Isaac is also a member of Holland & Hart's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. For the past several years he has successfully worked with various secured and unsecured creditors, both commercial lending institutions and other entities, defending their rights before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Wyoming and the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit.

Isaac has extensive knowledge and experience in litigating executory contracts and large commercial asset agreements, and has litigated creditors' rights before the Courts for over eight years.

Isaac joined Holland & Hart's Litigation Department in the Environmental & Natural Resources practice group in 2007. Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Isaac practiced for Sundahl, Powers, Kapp, & Martin, LLC. in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Emerging Technologies Advisor

Isaac is a founding member of the Wyoming Blockchain coalition; a group that seeks to promote the development of blockchain technology. In this role, Isaac assisted in drafting and passing first of its kind legislation to

create new opportunities for emerging technology companies in Wyoming. Isaac advises blockchain, cryptocurrency, and other software developers on navigating Wyoming's new laws and growing their business around the world. Should those companies need a litigator, Isaac brings his many years of litigation experience to bear on their behalf.

### **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**

- Member, Wyoming Bar Association
- Member, Laramie County Bar Association
- Member, Ewing T. Kerr American Inns of Court