



JoAnna DeWald

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JoAnna DeWald provides efficient and effective solutions for her clients' litigation and business needs, and skillfully creates remedies for natural resource and energy clients, employers, corporations, and municipalities.

PRACTICES

Construction
 Environmental and Natural Resources
 Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation
 Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
 Commercial Litigation
 Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, and Litigation
 Employment Litigation and Class Actions
 Workplace Safety and Emergency Response
 Labor and Employment
 Appellate

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska College of Law,
 J.D., 2010
High Honors
 The Order of the Barristers
 CALI® Excellence for the Future Awards:
 Federal Jurisdiction; Trial Advocacy
 New York University, B.F.A., 2006
High Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming
 Nebraska

JoAnna represents clients in federal and state court, mediation, and arbitration when complex commercial disputes arise involving breach of contract, construction defects and delay, personal injury, and employment issues. JoAnna's commercial litigation experience includes personal injury suits across a number of industries, oil and gas disputes, and high-stakes litigation concerning lease and contract interpretation. In addition, she provides counsel for local and national clients in all matters of employment law, defending employers in the courtroom, before administrative agencies, and in the ADR process. JoAnna has tried cases to verdict in state and federal court, including jury trials, handled state and federal appeals, argued numerous dispositive and non-dispositive motions in state and federal courts, and conducted internal investigations.

JoAnna sits on Holland & Hart's Women's Forum and Diversity Committee and actively works to address issues facing women in the legal profession.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, JoAnna was a litigation attorney in Omaha, Nebraska, focusing on insurance defense, employment law, legal and medical malpractice, and commercial tort and business litigation. She also served two years as a judicial clerk to the Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack.

EXPERIENCE

Represents and counsels clients in litigation matters:

- Commercial disputes
- Business disputes
- Construction litigation
- Oil & Gas litigation
- Personal injury defense
- Employment litigation
- Employment counseling and compliance
- Environmental

CLIENT RESULTS

Obtained summary dismissal of engineer in complex structural defect case in state court.

Represented oil and gas producer in appeal before Wyoming Supreme Court.

Defended employer and resolved employee claims through federal litigation and mediation of ADA accommodation and discrimination claims.

Successfully prepared and argued motions to dismiss and for summary judgment on claims in state and federal court.

Represented clients throughout OSHA investigation and citation process.

Defended and counseled clients in litigation against employees and subcontractors involving workplace injuries.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Harassment Prevention in the #MeToo Era: Best Practices and Scenarios," *Wyoming department of Workforce Services, 2018 Safety & Workforce Summit*, June 20, 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Wyoming Bar Association
- Laramie County Bar Association
- Defense Lawyers Association of Wyoming
- American Bar Association
- Nebraska Bar Association, NSBA Leadership Academy Graduate
- Omaha Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division, Founding Member
- National Defense Research Institute