



Chris LeCates

Associate

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Chris LeCates counsels natural resources clients on complex title and transactional matters.

PRACTICES

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights
Environmental and Natural Resources

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota School of Law, J.D., 2013
magna cum laude - Order of the Coif
Law Review
High Grade Certificate: Bankruptcy, Gift & Estate Taxation, Secured Transactions, Prof. Visions
Utah State University, B.S., 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Dakota
Montana
Utah

Chris assists clients with drilling, division order, financing, and acquisition title opinions and has experience with title examination of private, Federal, State, and Indian lands.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Chris practiced in Bismarck, ND, focusing on oil and gas litigation, title opinions, foreclosures, commercial law, and general commercial litigation.

EXPERIENCE

Chris assists clients in all phases of oil and gas exploration:

- Drafting title opinions
- Closing acquisitions and divestitures
- Financing and restructuring assets
- Advising on complex issues
- Performing title curative

PUBLICATIONS

"Risky Business: Uncertain Outcomes for Application of Bankruptcy Code 365," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 07/08/2020

"NDIC To Hold Special Hearing on Potential Output Restrictions," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 05/06/2020

"EPA Issues Temporary Policy for Violations Caused By COVID-19," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 03/27/2020