



Melissa Reynolds

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Melissa draws from her experience with government agencies to counsel clients on enforcement and compliance issues involving natural resources, with an emphasis on water quality and water rights.

Melissa works with a variety of clients to provide counsel on water quality and environmental compliance issues that may arise during project development, operation, and closure. Melissa also leverages her knowledge of key water legislation and state agencies to guide clients in obtaining, protecting, and using their water rights.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Melissa worked for the Utah Attorney General's Office: Natural Resources Division, where she acted as general counsel to the State Engineer, and developed a comprehensive understanding of Utah's water rights statutes. Melissa employs her first-hand knowledge of state statutes to provide excellent legal service to a variety of clients navigating complex water rights issues.

Clients navigating challenges associated with complex water rights, water quality, and other environmental compliance and enforcement issues will benefit from Melissa's in-depth experience.

PRACTICES

Water Law
 Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
 Environmental and Natural Resources
 Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Electric Power

EDUCATION

S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, J.D., 2015
 Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
 University of Utah, B.A., 2011
 Environmental Studies
summa cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

EXPERIENCE

Water Rights

- General adjudications
- Title updates
- Enforcement actions

Water Quality

- NPDES/UPDES permitting
- Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act permitting and compliance issues

PUBLICATIONS

"WOTUS Debacle Likely to Continue With New Rule," *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, 05/21/2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Water Quality Update: Murky Waters Ahead," *Industrial Minerals*

Association – North America Webinar, June 30, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- S.J. Quinney College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Pace Moot Court Team, 2019-Present
- American Bar Association: Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, Case Summary Editor, 2018-Present
- S.J. Quinney College of Law, Young Alumni Association, Board Member, 2018-2019; Vice President, July 2019-Present
- Young Lawyers Division: Social Activities Committee, 2017-2019; Fit2Practice Committee, July 2019-Present
- Women Lawyers of Utah: Career Advancement Committee, 2016-Present