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PRACTICES

Environmental
Environmental Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas
Mining
Energy and Resources
Conventional Power
Oil and Gas Transactions
Renewable Energy and Storage
Data Centers

EDUCATION

University of Wyoming, J.D., 1990

University of Wyoming, B.S., 1986

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming
Utah
Alaska

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Angela leverages her 30 plus years of transaction and title experience to provide emerging energy and traditional natural resources clients with comprehensive services and practical solutions.

She advises clients on acquisition, divestiture, merger, exploration, development, and financing projects and transactions. She guides clients through complex administrative agency requirements and prepares the documents and agreements necessary to accomplish their goals.

Angela has significant experience examining title to and conducting due diligence reviews of federal, state, Indian, and private lands and leases throughout the Rocky Mountain region and Alaska, and rendering acquisition, drilling, division order, financing, and counsel opinions. She regularly advises on the intricacies of federal lands, leases and units.

Being from a multi-generational oil and gas family, Angela has a deep appreciation for the energy and natural resources industries she serves and understands the needs of the people working in these industries.

EXPERIENCE

Counsels clients on and prepares:

- Counsel Opinion Letters
- Due Diligence Reviews – as lead or local counsel, representing the acquiring, divesting, or financing entity
- Easement Agreements
- Exploration Agreements
- Farmout Agreements
- Joint Operating Agreements
- Participation Agreements
- Pooling and Communitization Agreements
- Purchase and Sale Agreements
- Surface Access and Use Agreements
- Title Curative and Title Documents
- Title Opinions – drilling, division order, acquisition, and financing
- Federal or State Unit and Unit Operating Agreements

Advises clients on:

- Bankruptcy and distressed assets – acquisition or divestiture
- Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)
- Conveying – assets, leases, lands, and permits
- Helium projects
- Hydrogen projects
- Leasing and lease status – private, federal, state, and Indian
- Lithium Projects
- Mid-stream marketing agreements
- Pooling – voluntary and force/compulsory
- Permitting
- Surface access and governing federal and state laws and regulatory requirements
- Units – federal or state exploratory and secondary recovery
- Water rights
- Well location, permitting, and spacing

Represents clients before:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Interior Board of Land Appeals
- Utah Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments

CLIENT RESULTS

- Lead U.S. counsel in the acquisition of 100% of the membership interest of mining company operating in Utah
- Local counsel due diligence review of a $2.5 billion pipeline in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa for the financing entity
- Local counsel for the acquiring entity in a $2.5 billion acquisition of oil and gas properties in Rocky Mountain states
- Co-counsel in a $400 million exchange of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming
- Co-counsel in a $260 million divestiture of producing oil and gas properties in Utah and Wyoming
- Local counsel due diligence review of $117 million membership interest in a pipeline and gathering system in Wyoming for the acquiring entity
- Represented the acquiring entity in a $100 million acquisition of producing oil and gas properties in Wyoming
- Local counsel for the borrowing entity in a $14 million mining

project in Utah

- Represented the acquiring entity in a $10 million acquisition of royalty and mineral interests throughout the Rocky Mountain states
- Served as neutral arbitrator in joint operating agreement and participation agreement dispute

PUBLICATIONS

"Conserving America the Beautiful – The 30-by-30 Goal and Its Historical Roots," *36 Natural Resources & Environment 4*, Spring 2022

"Hey, That's My Lease! Vacatur as a Remedy Under the National Environmental Policy Act," *The Foundation of Natural Resources and Energy Law Annual Institute*, 2022

"Curative documents and Tools: You Have a Defect Now What Do You Do?," *Oil and Gas Mineral Title Examination, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, 2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Curative Documents and Tools- You Have a Defect, Now What Do You Do?," *Oil and Mineral Title Examination, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, 2019

"Dotting Your I's and Crossing Your T's: Ensuring Proper Payment and Execution," *Drafting and Negotiating the Modern Oil and Gas Lease, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, 2018

"Balancing Risk in Title Opinions," *Advanced Mineral Title Examination – Oil, Gas, and Mining Special Institute, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, 2014

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Oil and Gas Law – Salt Lake City, 2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Oil and Gas Law, 2007-2016, 2018-2027
- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, 2025; 500 Global Leaders in Energy, 2026
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Energy & Resources, 2008-2020
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Energy & Natural Resources, 2006, 2010-2012, 2015-2018, 2020-2022

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Professional Landmen, Member, 1990-present; Education Development Committee, 2018-2021
- The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Member, 1990-present; Trustee-at-Large, 2005-2008, 2014-2016; Long

Range Planning Committee, 1998-2019; Special Projects Committee, 2015-2017; Grants Committee, 2017-2021

- Utah Association of Professional Landmen, Member, 1990-present; President, 1995-1996, 2004-2005; Oil and Gas Seminars, Chair, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2005
- Utah State Bar, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section, Member, 1990-present; Oil and Gas Section, Chair, 1994-1995
- Expanding Your Horizons, Volunteer Presenter, 2008-present
- Holland & Hart Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2013-present; Volunteer, 2011-present
- Immune Deficiency Foundation, Volunteer, 2014-present