Holland & Hart

PRACTICES

Environmental
Site Remediation
Environmental Transactions
Water Resources

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Mining
Conventional Power
Pet Care
Renewable Energy and Storage

EDUCATION

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, J.D., 1984
cum laude

Brigham Young University, B.A., 1981
cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah
Idaho
Texas

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Clients turn to Kevin for his ability to identify creative solutions for complex remediation of hazardous substances and water contamination, as well as the associated repurposing of the land.

Kevin is known for his innovative and unique resolutions to complex contamination issues, especially involving multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency matters (particularly EPA and NRC) in the mining, real estate, energy, petroleum, nuclear, and manufacturing industries. His practice focuses on managing environmental liabilities, repurposing real estate assets, and creating value through property remediation and planning. Kevin is respected for his strategic approach to crafting cutting-edge legal solutions that deliver maximum value for his clients, clients ranging from the largest international corporations to individual landowners. He has been the lead attorney for billions of dollars of acquisition and development of environmentally-challenged assets worldwide, including many Superfund sites. Kevin has significant experience with CERCLA, RCRA, state hazardous waste laws, and related programs, and substantial experience with uranium mine and mill remediation and decommissioning. His practice expertise also includes the Clean Water Act, where he counsels clients on compliance and water quality matters.

EXPERIENCE

Negotiates federal Consent Decrees, Administrative Orders on Consent, and related agreements for matters related to:

- CERCLA
- RCRA
- Brownfields development
- Clean Water Act (CWA)

CLIENT RESULTS

Successful remediation of legacy mine and mill assets associated with historic uranium operations.

Strategist behind the highly innovative and successful Midvale Slag Site, which recently was deleted from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List of Superfund Sites 50 years ahead of schedule.

Played a key role in the Richardson Flats remediation, which was recognized by the Department of the Interior as the site of the year for its

effective combination of Natural Resource Damages Restoration and CERCLA remediation.

Led the remediation and redevelopment of a 450-acre smelter site through the innovative use of special account and private funds. It was the first time EPA had agreed to use the approach. The former smelter site is now a thriving multi-use project.

Led the development of innovative protocols for the reclamation and redevelopment of 2000-plus acres of mining land in a leading resort area. Continued development of estate lots, residential, commercial and hotels.

Lead counsel on one of the first projects to successfully utilize the EPA ER3 pilot Superfund initiative.

Negotiated a Prospective Lessee Agreement, a liability relief mechanism reportedly used by EPA only one other time in CERCLA history.

Led the environmental team of a utility cooperative in permitting a large wind farm.

Counsel to potentially responsible parties in the remediation of seven miles of petroleum contaminated canal sediments.

Counsel to numerous parties in the negotiation of dozens of consent decrees for NPL site remediation.

Due diligence counsel in a $3.2 billion acquisition of a Fortune 50 company.

Due diligence counsel in a bid to acquire a 1500 mile portion of a gas pipeline system, as well as an 8000 mile gulf natural gas pipeline and its associated 68.5 billion cubic feet storage system.

Due diligence counsel to acquire the production, gathering, transmission, and distribution assets of a large gas company, including more than 12,000 miles of pipeline and 90 compressor stations.

PUBLICATIONS

"DOI Finalizes Long-Awaited Overhaul of the Natural Resource Damages "Type A" Assessment Rules," *Environmental Law Update*, September 4, 2026

"Disaster Resiliency Planning in the Private Sector," *39 Natural Resources & Environment 3*, Winter 2025

"Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024," *Mining Update*, December 19, 2024

"CERCLA Liability Heats Up: EPA Designates PFAS Chemicals Hazardous Substances," *PFAS Update*, April 23, 2024

"Perspectives: Be Present," *38 Natural Resources & Environment 1*,

Summer 2023

"Sorcery, Magic, and a Bit of Alchemy? Creating Water," *American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL)*, 03/09/2023

"We Will Miss the Water If the Wells Run Dry," *37 Natural Resources & Environment 2*, Fall 2022

"Expedited Cleanups under CERCLA – Could It be True?," *37 Natural Resources & Environment 2*, Fall 2022

"Toward Stability, Resilience and Reconciliation," *37 Natural Resources & Environment 1*, Summer 2022

"New Findings May Trigger Stricter Rules for Low Dose Radiation Discharge," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 06/20/2022

"Developments in EPA's Plan for PFAS Regulation," *Holland & Hart News Update*, November 3, 2021

"Water Quality," *Environmental Regulation, excerpted from the Second Edition of the American Law of Mining, Chapter 169*, 2015

"The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund)," *Environmental Regulation, excerpted from the Second Edition of the American Law of Mining, Chapter 171*, 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Hazardous Waste and Sites," Moderator, *Environmental Law Institute Summer School 2024, Webinar*, July 30, 2024

"Clean Water Act," *Environmental Law Institute's 32nd Annual Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law®*, Washington, D.C., November 16, 2023

"Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)," *Environmental Law Institute's Nineteenth Annual Western Boot Camp on Environmental Law®*, San Francisco, CA, April 4, 2023

"Energy Options," Moderator, *EarthxLaw Conference, Our Energy Future and the Environment: Revolution or Evolution*, Dallas, TX, October 20, 2022

"ACOEL Superfund Update and Environmental Justice," Panelist, *ACOEL Webinar; Larry Starfield and Kevin Murray panelists, moderated by David Mandlebaum*, National Webinar, May 26, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, Environment, Natural Resources & Regulated Industries, 2010-2020; Natural Resources & Environment, 2021-2024, 2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Environment Law, 1997-

2027; Energy Law, 2011-2027, Litigation - Environmental, 2026-2027; Natural Resources Law, 2027

- American College of Environmental Lawyers, Fellow
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- Legal 500 US City Elite - Salt Lake City, Energy and Natural Resources, 2026
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, 1998-2015; Environmental, 2017-2018, 2020-2022; Environmental & Natural Resources, 2025
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Environmental, 2007-2016, 2018-2026
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, "Top 100 Lawyers," Environmental, 2012
- Peter W. Billings Excellence in Teaching Award, May 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Environmental Lawyers, Immediate Past President, 2024-present; President, 2023-2024; President-Elect, 2022-2023; Treasurer, 2020-2022; Executive Board Member, 2020-present; Regent, 2017-2020
- American Law Institute, Sustaining Member.
- Environmental Law Institute, Leadership Council, 2021-present
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Natural Resources & Environment Editorial Board, Issue Editor, 2021-present
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- University of Utah, Adjunct Professor of Law, 2007-present
- Brigham Young University, Adjunct Professor of Law, 1990-2023
- Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board, Member, 2011-2016; Chair, 2010-2016
- Pioneer Theatre Company, Chair, 2014-2016, Executive Board and Director of Development, 2006-2014
- Davis Education Foundation, Davis County School District, Board of Trustees, 2006-2011; Chair 2008-2009
- Lakeview Hospital, Board Member, 2000-2005; Chair 2003-2005
- Boy Scout of America, Council Executive Board, 2015-2024