

PRACTICES

Water Resources
Environmental

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas
Oil and Gas Litigation

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science, LL.M., 1975

University of Illinois, J.D., 1974

Benedictine College, A.B., 1970
magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Mexico
Illinois

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Mark guides clients through the complexities of commercial litigation.

With more than 30 years of experience, he understands the needs of his clients who are facing the possibility of a trial.

His background includes trial, appellate, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution experience, including extensive work in antitrust, breach of contract, real property, land use, oil and gas, water rights, Indian law and litigation arising out of administrative regulation of business.

Mark began practicing law in Chicago in 1976, moving to New Mexico in 1981, where he was a member of Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A. until its merger with Holland & Hart on January 1, 2001. In 1995-96, Mark served as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and was a recipient of the Division's 1995 Outstanding Contribution Award. Mark was the administrative partner in Holland & Hart's Santa Fe office in 2001, and served as the firm's resident partner in Washington, D.C. in 2002-2003.

CLIENT RESULTS

Representative Cases

Appellate counsel to diversified energy company in series of federal appeals, including a petition for writ of certiorari in the U. S. Supreme Court, concerning royalty accounting for oil and gas production on Indian land

Defense of national title insurer in complex insurance bad faith claim and business tort action

Defense of privately held real estate developer in multiple lawsuits brought by citizen group to block development of corporate office campus based on zoning regulations and restrictive covenants

Lead counsel for eight defendants in federal securities fraud action arising out of sale of privately held business in outside advertising industry to private equity fund

Representation of a multi-national natural resources company in complex state corporate income tax matter, contesting state tax assessment on foreign source income and disallowance of tax deductions

Representation of City of Santa Fe in complex declaratory judgment action

to determine contract rights of major real estate development to use city groundwater wells and obligations to comply with city water use restrictions

Trial on behalf of hundreds of non-Indian water rights owners of major federal Indian water rights case, adjudicating surface and groundwater claims of Pueblo Indians

Representation of major publicly-held corporate defendants in media and health care industries in consumer class action antitrust and unfair trade practices litigation

Trial on behalf of oil and gas producers of complex breach of contract action against public utility, obtaining $31.9 million federal court jury verdict for plaintiffs

Trial on behalf of United States of antitrust suit under Section 7 of the Clayton Act to block merger in mining industry

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA,* Native American Law, 2012, 2013
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Litigation – Antitrust, 2003-2027
- Southwest Super Lawyers® 2007, 2010-2016

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of New Mexico, Member
- American Bar Association, Member