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# Brianne McClafferty

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**Brianne is an experienced litigator who helps clients navigate complex problems efficiently, both in and out of the courtroom.**

Brianne skillfully represents her clients, including resource companies, banking and finance companies, and public utility companies, in business and environmental disputes. She has extensive experience representing clients in federal and state courts, including bankruptcy court, in mediation, and before regulatory agencies.

She applies her invaluable industry-specific knowledge to her work with clients to protect and advance their business goals in a range of commercial, environmental, employment, and bankruptcy disputes.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Brianne served as a law clerk to Judge Brian Morris of the US District Court for District of Montana. Brianne serves as the Administrative Partner of the Billings office.

## EXPERIENCE

Brianne has significant experience representing clients before:

- United States District Courts in Montana
- Montana State District Courts
- Montana Supreme Court
- United States Bankruptcy Court in Montana
- Montana Board of Environmental Review
- The Montana Human Rights Bureau and the Montana Human Rights Commission
- The Public Service Commission

Additionally, Brianne has represented clients *pro hac vice* in the District of Columbia and in United States Bankruptcy Court in the District of Delaware.

## PUBLICATIONS

"You Can't Have Your Cake and Eat It Too: Tax Classifications and Bresnan Communications LLC v. State Department of Revenue," *Montana Law Review, Online Edition*, 2011

## PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Bankruptcy and Restructuring
Energy Consumers, Developers, and Public Utilities
Environmental Litigation
Employment Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

## INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Mining

## EDUCATION

University of Montana School of Law, J.D., 2015
with Honors

Montana Tech of the University of Montana, B.S., 2012

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Montana

## BLOG POSTS

"Do Lawyers Need an AI Law? California Says Yes," *The Pulse*, September 02, 2026

"Is AI Reading Your Attorney-Client Text Message?," *The Pulse*, August 25, 2026

"Claude Leaves a Mark: What Lawyers Need to Know," *The Pulse*, August 20, 2026

"Hidden in Plain Sight: Prompt Injection Enters the Courtroom," *The Pulse*, August 14, 2026

"Montana's Potential Circuit Move: Practical Implications for Litigation Strategy," *The Pulse*, August 12, 2026

"The Paradox of Legal AI: More Technology Demands More Humanity," *The Pulse*, August 06, 2026

"The Struggle to Juggle is Real," *The Pulse*, July 21, 2026

"When AI Decisions Allegedly Cause Harm, Who Bears the Risk?," *The Pulse*, July 21, 2026

## RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2021, 2023-2027; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2022-2027; Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2022-2027
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2026
- Litigation Counsel of America, Associate Fellow, 2021-present
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2026
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2023-2025
- Montana Technological University 2025 Early Impact Alumni Award, 2025

## PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Montana Bar Association, Member
- Yellowstone Area Bar Association, Member
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Lawyer Representative, 2022-present
- Holland & Hart Foundation, Board Member
- Young Families Early Head Start, Board of Directors, Vice Chair, 2018-present