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Kyle Parker helps clients secure and defend environmental authorization for major resource development and energy projects.

Kyle has sophisticated experience counseling clients on state and federal environmental project permitting issues and defending those permits when they are challenged in administrative or judicial forums.

Kyle has defended multi-million dollar claims for response and cleanup actions and negotiates and defends clients against civil and criminal enforcement under a broad range of federal and state environmental laws.

In the oil and gas sector, Kyle has worked on the development of new onshore and offshore upstream projects, and the development and construction of new pipeline and storage projects.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Kyle was a partner at Crowell & Moring and Patton Boggs LLP. He served as an assistant attorney general in the oil, gas, and mining section of the Alaska Department of Law. In Washington, D.C., he served as an aide to U.S. Senator Frank H. Murkowski and worked in the Executive Office of the President Council on Environmental Quality during President George H.W. Bush's Administration. He also served as a law clerk at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Environmental Litigation
Water Resources
Site Remediation
Environmental Health and Safety
Environmental Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Mining
Conventional Power
Renewable Energy and Storage

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law,
J.D., 1991

Syracuse University, B.A., 1987

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alaska

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of
Alaska

EXPERIENCE

- Hydraulic fracturing
- Regulatory and policy
- Climate change
- Superfund and hazardous waste
- Federal lands

Project Contracts

- Joint ventures
- Joint Operating Agreements
- Facility Access and Sharing Agreements

Project Permitting

- State and federal land, lease, and right-of-way acquisitions

CLIENT RESULTS

- Alaska Outer Continental Shelf: Served as lead counsel in permitting several offshore Arctic Alaska oil exploration projects, and successfully defended multiple permit challenges initiated in the 9th Circuit, Federal District Court, Interior Board of Land Appeals and Alaska superior court.
- National Petroleum Reserve Alaska: Successfully obtained Bureau of Land Management agreement to tailor environmental restrictions that would otherwise prevent exploration of NPRA leases; served as lead counsel in permitting several exploration drilling programs in the NPRA.
- Cook Inlet Basin: Served as lead counsel in permitting several onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and development projects on state lands in the Cook Inlet Basin. Served as lead counsel in the formation and administration of various oil and gas units.
- *Trading Bay Energy Corp. v. Marathon Oil Company*: Successfully defended against multiple claims asserting interest in a producing gas unit that were litigated in Federal District Court and ultimately resolved at the 9th Circuit.
- *Cook Inlet Keeper v. State of Alaska*: Successfully represented industry intervenor in repeated environmental group challenges to offshore oil exploration and development project.
- *In the Matter of the Tariff Revision, Designated as TA226-8, filed by Chugach Electric Association, Inc.*: On behalf of wholesale power purchaser, initiated successful challenge to application for substantial rate increase filed by power generator.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"The Regulatory Challenges of Putting a Project into Production in North America," *Americas' Resources Investment Congress*, February 2011

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Oil and Gas Law, 2023, 2024
- *Chambers USA*, Environment, Natural Resources & Regulatory Industries, 2014-2020; Natural Resources & Environment, 2021-2023
- Alaska Super Lawyers®, Environmental, 2023
- *Who's Who Legal*, Energy, 2015

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Alaska Bar Association, Natural Resources Section
- District of Columbia Bar, Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section