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Of Counsel

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Aaron provides clients with effective assistance and representation on a variety of environmental compliance, enforcement, and litigation issues.

Aaron counsels clients on assessment and permitting, compliance and enforcement, and rulemaking. He works closely with clients to provide practical guidance on a wide range of environmental matters, including air quality, water quality, and environmental compliance issues that may arise during project development, operation, and closure.

Aaron helps clients navigate regulatory and permitting requirements involving air quality and water quality, including the development of carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) projects. Clients look to Aaron for assistance with managing the risks, liabilities, and regulatory considerations of CCUS, including Class VI permitting for geologic sequestration. He also represents clients in enforcement actions before regulatory agencies.

Aaron previously worked at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality where he represented the Office of Public Interest Counsel in various proceedings before the Commission, including rulemaking, enforcement, and contested case hearings at the State Office of Administrative Hearings over air, water, and waste permits.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Environmental Litigation
Climate Change
Site Redevelopment
Environmental Health and Safety
Environmental Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas
Mining
Oil and Gas Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law, J.D.,
2013

Middlebury College, B.A., 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth
Circuit

EXPERIENCE

Aaron has experience with various environmental laws and regulations, including:

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act Underground Injection Control Program
- CERCLA
- RCRA
- Administrative Procedures Act
- Colorado Air Quality Control Commission regulations
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regulations

Clients look to Aaron for assistance meeting ever-changing regulatory standards:

- Permitting of CCUS projects, including Class VI wells
- Compliance with state and federal air quality regulations, including implementation of Colorado's oil and gas regulations
- Permitting and licensing processes for energy and natural resource facilities
- Guidance on self-compliance audits
- Development of federal and state regulations through hearings and written comments
- Negotiating settlements of violations

PUBLICATIONS

"New Mexico Announces New Crack Down on O&G Operations," *Oil and Gas Legal Update*, October 26, 2023

"EPA Doubles Down on Enforcement to Address Climate Change," *Holland & Hart Environmental Update*, October 19, 2023

"Tenth Circuit Ruling on Temporary Emissions in Colorado Will Have Widespread Impacts on Air Permitting in Western States," *Holland & Hart Legal Update*, September 22, 2023

"GHG Standards for the Power Sector: Is Third Time the Charm or Is It Déjà Vu?," *Holland & Hart Legal Update*, May 15, 2023

"EPA Super Sizes Proposal to Crack Down on Methane from Oil and Gas Sector," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, 12/07/2022

"Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Invests Billions in CCUS," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 11/19/2021

"Assessing Climate Costs in Policy Decisions," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 03/22/2021

"EPA Proposes to Retain Particulate Matter Standards of Importance to Industries in Arid West," 4/17/2020

"Colorado's SB 181: What to Think About as the State Embarks on a Number of Significant New Oil and Gas Rulemakings," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 04/29/2019

"Spring Cleaning: Trump Administration Announces Further Changes to Clean Water Act Regulation," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 04/23/2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Emerging CCUS and Hydrogen Trends," Co-Presenter, 2023 *Environment & Natural Resources Summit*, October 27, 2023

"Environmental and Regulatory Issues Affecting Midstream Operators,"

EUCI Presentation, October 2019

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™*, Environmental Law, 2023

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America®*, Environmental Law, 2023, 2024
- Colorado Bar Association, Environmental Section, Member 2019-present
- Institute for Energy Law Young Energy Professional Advisory Board Member