



## Bryson Smith

Associate

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**Bryson is an experienced litigator who guides clients through the complexities of environmental and business litigation.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental  
Environmental Litigation  
Business Litigation  
Environmental Health and Safety  
Federal Lands Permitting  
Environmental Transactions

### INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources  
Mining  
Oil and Gas  
Oil and Gas Litigation  
Oil and Gas Regulatory

### EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2014  
*Yale Journal on Regulation*  
*Yale Law & Policy Review*  
Moot Court, Semifinalist

Clemson University, B. A. & B. S., 2011  
*summa cum laude*  
Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming  
District of Columbia

Bryson is experienced in all phases of civil litigation, including discovery, dispositive motions, trial, and appeal. He has represented clients in a wide range of environmental and commercial matters, including defense of oil pipeline projects and mining permits, toxic tort suits, CERCLA cost recovery actions, land use disputes, commercial disputes, and personal injury defense. Bryson also assists companies on issues of workplace safety and emergency response, including regulatory enforcement.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Bryson practiced at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Washington, D.C.

### EXPERIENCE

Bryson represents clients before administrative agencies and courts on matters including:

- Natural resources litigation
- NEPA compliance and litigation
- Commercial litigation
- Land use disputes
- Personal injury defense
- Workplace safety compliance, including OSHA and MSHA

### CLIENT RESULTS

Obtained summary judgment in Wyoming federal court for energy company in commercial dispute involving over \$100 million in requested damages

Obtained favorable result for state agency following multi-day bench trial regarding agency's issuance of a mining permit

Obtained favorable settlement for defense contractor in CERCLA cost recovery dispute in federal court in Rhode Island

Represented energy company in multiple challenges to oil pipelines

Represented North Carolina homeowners' association in NEPA challenge to construction of a coastal bridge

Represented energy companies in various personal injury actions in Wyoming

Represented various companies in regulatory workplace safety litigation

Represents corporation in arbitration regarding carbon offset credits in Alaska

### **RECOGNITION**

- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Environmental Litigation, 2023