



Melissa Reynolds

Associate

222 South Main Street, Suite 2200, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

P 801.799.5875

melreynolds@hollandhart.com

Melissa draws from her experience with government agencies to counsel clients on enforcement and compliance issues involving natural resources, with an emphasis on water quality and water rights.

Melissa works with a variety of clients to provide counsel on water quality and environmental compliance issues that may arise during project development, operation, and closure. Melissa also leverages her knowledge of key water legislation and state agencies to guide clients in obtaining, protecting, and using their water rights.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Melissa worked for the Utah Attorney General's Office: Natural Resources Division, where she acted as general counsel to the State Engineer, and developed a comprehensive understanding of Utah's water rights statutes. Melissa employs her first-hand knowledge of state statutes to provide excellent legal service to a variety of clients navigating complex water rights issues.

Clients navigating challenges associated with complex water rights, water quality, and other environmental compliance and enforcement issues will benefit from Melissa's in-depth experience.

PRACTICES

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

INDUSTRIES

Conventional Power
Renewable Energy and Storage

EDUCATION

S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, J.D., 2015
Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

University of Utah, B.A., 2011
Environmental Studies
summa cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

EXPERIENCE

Water Rights

- General adjudications
- Title updates
- Enforcement actions

Water Quality

- NPDES/UPDES permitting
- Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act permitting and compliance issues

PUBLICATIONS

"Back to the Future: The Biden Administration Releases Final WOTUS Rule," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, Co-Author, 01/05/2023

"The Colorado River in Utah: Past, Present, and Future," *Holland & Hart*

News Update, Co-Author, 11/02/2022

"More Uncertainty Ahead – WOTUS, SCOTUS and What it Means for Your Project," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 02/04/2022

"Is Regulatory Limbo the New Normal For WOTUS? ," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 06/01/2021

"Practical Guide to Navigating Utah's Water Rights Adjudication Process," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 03/25/2021

"EPA Draft Guidance on *County of Maui, Hawaii v. Hawaii Wildlife Decision* ," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 12/10/2020

"Keep Calm and Carry On - Self-Audits Under UDEQ's Agreement with EPA," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 08/31/2020

"WOTUS Debacle Likely to Continue With New Rule," *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, 05/21/2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Tips and Tricks for Navigating Water Right Adjudications," *Utah Water Law & Policy Seminar*, 03/19/2021

"Water Quality Update: Murky Waters Ahead," *Industrial Minerals Association – North America Webinar*, 06/30/2020

RECOGNITION

- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Up & Coming, 2021; Environmental, 2022

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- S.J. Quinney College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Pace Moot Court Team, 2019-present
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, Case Summary Editor, 2018-present
- S.J. Quinney College of Law, Young Alumni Association, Board Member, 2018-2019; Vice President, July 2019-June 2021; President, June 2021-present
- Young Lawyers Division, Social Activities Committee, 2017-2019; Fit2Practice Committee, July 2019-present
- Women Lawyers of Utah, Career Advancement Committee, 2016-present