Holland & Hart

PRACTICES

Environmental Transactions
Environmental
Water Resources

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Mining

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D., 2014
cum laude
Top 20%
Administrative Law Journal, Editor

William Smith College, B.A., 2008
cum laude
Three-time NCAA All-Academic American

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas
New Mexico

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Cris guides clients operating in New Mexico through complex environmental matters, specializing in water rights, water quality, and hazardous waste issues.

Cris has represented energy companies, municipalities, and private parties before local government authorities, state and federal agencies, and state and federal district courts on water rights matters and water-related environmental matters. She has extensive experience helping clients navigate regulatory, permitting, and administrative challenges involving water rights, water quality, and hazardous waste. Cris regularly advises multiple industry sectors on federal rulemaking, regulatory requirements, and developments under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and other comprehensive environmental statutory schemes. Cris also helps clients anticipate requirements and respond to allegations concerning nuanced compliance issues for projects bordering or crossing tribal lands, including tribal consultation requirements and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Cris served as Environment, Safety, and Health Counsel for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) spearheading litigation, compliance, and permitting on RCRA issues as well as matters related to LANL's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) Permit that covers 11 mission-critical industrial and sanitary wastewater outfalls.

EXPERIENCE

Water Rights

- General stream adjudications (consent order and *inter se*)
- Water supply plans
- Water rights transactions
- Administrative proceedings

Environmental

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

- RCRA permitting and compliance
- NPDES permitting and compliance
- Clean Water Act

- Safe Drinking Water Act
- NEPA
- New Mexico Water Quality Act
- New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act

PUBLICATIONS

"New Mexico Environment Department Seeks Comments on Proposed Produced Water Rules That Limit Nearly All Re-Use," *Oil and Gas Legal Update*, November 6, 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Produced Water Update: Reuse Regulations, Pilot Projects, and the Next Frontier in Produced Water," *Institute For Energy Law, Young Energy Professionals Conference*, Las Vegas, NV, April 2, 2025

"Water Energy Nexus," Panelist, *Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem in New Mexico, NM Women's Lead*, September 23, 2024

"Water Rights in New Mexico," *National Business Institute (NBI)*, Webinar, July 23, 2024

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Natural Resources Litigation, 2021
- Southwest Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Natural Resources Litigation, 2018-2021
- Mayor of the City of Albuquerque Good Samaritan Award, September 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Institute for Energy Law, Inaugural Leadership Academy, Member, 2018
- City of Santa Fe, City Audit Committee, Vice-Chair, 2019-2023
- Oliver Seth American Inn of Court
    - Board Member, 2022-present
    - Member, 2019-present