



## Jessica Schmidt

Of Counsel

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**Jessica Schmidt represents clients in the energy and resource industries in litigation.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
 Environmental and Natural Resources  
 Litigation  
 Oil and Gas  
 Appellate

### EDUCATION

University of Colorado School of Law,  
 J.D., 2006

*Order of the Coif*

*University of Colorado Law Review*,  
 Articles Editor and member  
 William O. DeSouchet Trial Advocacy  
 Award

University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2003  
*summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
 North Dakota

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of North  
 Dakota  
 U.S. District Court for the District of  
 Colorado  
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth  
 Circuit  
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth  
 Circuit  
 U.S. Supreme Court

Since joining Holland & Hart, Jessica has worked on a wide-array of complex and challenging natural resources cases, including lease and right of way issues, pipeline disputes, probate disputes involving oil and gas issues, Indian law issues, wrongful death, and royalty disputes. Jessica is also a member of Holland & Hart's workplace safety and emergency response team, specializing in defending regulatory enforcement matters initiated by OSHA, MSHA, DOT, and PHMSA. She has assisted clients with internal investigations and defended civil and criminal litigation. Jessica is a critical member of the Holland & Hart natural resources litigation group.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Jessica was a trial lawyer with Ridley McGreevy & Winocur, worked for several years as a Deputy State Public Defender in Arapahoe County, and clerked for former Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Bender. She has tried over 25 jury trials and argued before the Colorado Court of Appeals and the Colorado Supreme Court.

Jessica is a part of the oil and gas litigation team and frequently works with [Anthony Shaheen](#), [Christopher Chrisman](#), [Joe Teig](#), and [Trey Overdyke](#).

### EXPERIENCE

#### Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation

- Contract disputes of all types
- Oil and Gas Royalty
- Pipeline disputes
- Wrongful Death
- General Commercial Litigation
- Appeals

### CLIENT RESULTS

#### Representative Matters

Published Cases include:

- *People v. Jorlantin*, 193 P.3d 258 (Colo. 2008).
- *People v. Williamson*, 249 P.3d 801 (Colo. 2011).

- *People v. Smith*, 254 P.3d 1158 (Colo. 2011).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Statutes of Limitation in Probate and Trust Litigation," *The Colorado Lawyer*, Co-Author, May 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Bayaud Enterprises, Board Member, 2019
- Institute for Energy Law (IEL) Leadership Class Participant – 2018-2019
- Board of Continuing Legal Education of Colorado 2015-2018, Executive Committee 2017-2018
- Minoru Yasui American Inn of Court, 2010-2019, Program Chair, 2015-2017
- Denver Bar Association, Representative to the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, 2013-2017
- Colorado Bar Association, Fellow  
    Incoming Bar President Nominating Committee, Member, 2015
- Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training, Training Class Participant, 2011 and Program's Committee Member, 2012
- Colorado Women's Bar Association
- Colorado Criminal Defense Bar
- LGBT Bar Association
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation