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**Kristin Nichols advises clients on a wide variety of natural resource issues, including energy development and mining on federal, state, and tribal lands.**

She represents energy and natural resource clients in public land use litigation, including federal court litigation and appeals before federal administrative boards. Kristin also assists clients in working through complex federal and state regulatory processes in order to develop projects on public lands.

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
 Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation  
 NEPA, Public Lands, and Cultural Resources  
 American Indian Law  
 Environmental Compliance and Enforcement  
 Mining

### EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2013  
 Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate  
 Honors: Order of St. Ives  
 University of Denver Academic Law Scholarship  
 President, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Society (2012-2013)  
 University of California at Santa Barbara, B.A., 2008  
 Political Science and Global Studies

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
 Wyoming

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado  
 U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota  
 U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming

### EXPERIENCE

- Energy development and mining on federal, state, and tribal lands
- Regulatory compliance
- Public land use litigation
- Federal court litigation and appeals before federal administrative boards

### CLIENT RESULTS

Representation of coal producer in federal administrative appeal challenging BLM coal leasing decisions under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Representation of coal producer in federal district court litigation involving OSMRE approval of a mining plan modification under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Representation of geothermal producer in federal administrative appeal challenging BLM geothermal leasing decisions under the Geothermal Steam Act.

Representation of oil and gas producer in federal administrative appeal involving lease reinstatement of a federal oil and gas lease from BLM.

### PUBLICATIONS

"Uranium Mining and Milling," *Environmental Regulation*, excerpted from the *Second Edition of the American Law of Mining*, Chapter 177, Co-Author, 2018

"National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)," *Environmental Regulation*, excerpted from the *Second Edition of the American Law of Mining*, Chapter

167, Co-Author, 2018

"NEPA's Scientific and Information Standards—Taking the Harder Look," *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, Co-Author, November 2017

"[Trumping Obama-Era Environmental Policy—What's Next?](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 03/30/2017

"USA," *The International Comparative Legal Guide to Mining Law 2017, 4th Ed.*, Co-Author, May 2016

"United States (Mining)," *The Mining Law Review, 5th Ed., Chapter 21*, Co-Author, 2016

"Environmental Regulation of the Mining Industry, Uranium Mining and Milling," *American Law of Mining 2d Ed Chapter 177*, Co-Author

"Environmental Regulation of the Mining Industry, National Environmental Policy Act of 1969," *American Law of Mining 2d Ed Chapter 167*, Co-Author

"Mining in 28 Jurisdictions Worldwide: United States," *Getting the Deal Through 2015 Ed.*, Co-Author

"United States," *Co-Author, The Mining Law Review, Chapter 22*, 2015

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"NEPA's Scientific and Information Standards—Taking the Harder Look," *Special Institute on The National Environmental Policy Act, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*, Denver, CO, November 2017

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Denver Bar Association
- American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
- Colorado Mining Association
- Women's Energy Network