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James Holtkamp has nearly 40 years' experience representing clients on environmental, natural resources, and energy project development issues throughout the United States and in various parts of the world.

He is also active in government affairs at the Utah Legislature and various foreign, federal, state, and local government agencies.

James served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities (Watergate Committee) and as an attorney for the U.S. Department of the Interior before entering private practice.

James is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Utah, where he teaches the Law of Air Pollution Control and the Law of Climate Change.

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
Government Affairs

EDUCATION

The George Washington University, J.D., 1975

cum laude

Articles Editor, *The George Washington Law Review* 1974-1975

Brigham Young University, B.A., 1972
With Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Utah

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

EXPERIENCE

- Air quality regulation
- Climate change
- Energy projects
- Water pollution control
- Industrial contamination cleanup

CLIENT RESULTS

Counsel regarding strengthening Chinese environmental enforcement code.

Permitting of coal and gas-fired electric generating plants and other air emission sources.

Negotiation of avoided deforestation programs in Central America.

Acquisition and development of mines and mineral processing facilities.

Development and operation of major multi-state electric transmission projects.

Negotiation of consent decrees resolving EPA enforcement actions.

PUBLICATIONS

"New Renewables RFP Filed with Utah PSC," *Holland & Hart News*

Update, 06/25/2018

"Proposed Utah Designation Recommendations for NAAQS," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 01/11/2018

"Trump Administration Begins Process of Repeal of Clean Power Plan," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 10/26/2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"James has spoken on air quality, climate change and energy issues in the U.S., Latin America, Europe and Australia. He has also published widely."

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Energy Law – Salt Lake City, 2013
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Environmental Law – Salt Lake City, 2010
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Energy Law, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, 1989-2020, Oil and Gas Law, 2009-2020
- American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL), Fellow
- University of Utah College of Law, Stegner Center Senior Fellow, 2012
- Utah Mining Association, General Patrick E. Connor Award for distinguished service to the Utah mining industry, 2011
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, 2011-2014
- Utah State Bar, Lawyer of the Year, Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section, 2009
- University of Utah College of Law, Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008
- Executive Special Recognition Pax Natura Award, 2008
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, 2008-present
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Environmental, 2007-2019
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Top 100 Lawyers, Environmental, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Environmental Lawyers, Fellow, 2012-present
- American Bar Association, Member
Vice-Chair, Energy and Infrastructure Committee, 2011-present
Vice-Chair, Air Quality Committee, 1988-1990
- University of Utah, Institute for Secure and Clean Energy, Advisory Board, 2009-present
- Utah Renewable Energy Initiative, Member, 2007
- Utah Climate Change Work Group, Member and Subgroup Co-Chair, 2006-2007

- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, President, 2005-2006
- National Board of Directors, George Washington Law Association, Member, 1999-2004
- Utah State Bar, Member