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Laura delivers pragmatic counsel to help mining and natural resources clients navigate litigation and regulatory challenges.

PRACTICES

NEPA, Public Lands, and Cultural Resources

American Indian Law

Endangered Species and Wildlife Regulation

Environmental and Natural Resources

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Litigation

Mining

EDUCATION

University of California Davis School of Law, J.D., 2000

Order of the Coif

University of Nevada, Reno, B.A., 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

Nevada

Clients benefit from Laura's significant experience challenging state and federal land plans and other public land and permitting issues in legislative, administrative, and judicial arenas. Her regulatory experience includes a broad spectrum of work before agencies with jurisdiction over environmental issues, water, mining, education, taxes, and public utilities.

In addition, Laura has worked on numerous matters involving secured transactions for mining assets and legislative issues related to revenue, land use, mineral resources and education in Nevada.

EXPERIENCE

Laura has experience in many areas of mining and natural resources law, including:

- Permitting and public lands issues
- Environmental law
- Land use
- Nevada water rights law
- Government affairs
- Public utilities regulation

CLIENT RESULTS

Before joining Holland & Hart, some of Laura's cases included:

- Successfully challenged Bureau of Land Management's Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for Greater Sage Grouse in Nevada on behalf of multiple Nevada counties and several private entities. US District Court – District of Nevada found the BLM violated NEPA and remanded, requiring the BLM to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
- Successfully handled several issues of first impression involving mineral resources in Nevada including a 2011 case ruling a state tax imposed on mining claims unconstitutional as well as cases involving complex land tenure issues.
- Successfully defended one of the largest qui tam actions brought in Nevada challenging the constitutionality of an initial public offering.

PUBLICATIONS

"Bureau of Land Management Initiates NEPA Scoping Process for Potential Changes to the Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments and Issues Notice of Cancellation of Withdrawal Application/Proposal," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 10/13/2017

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Environment, 2018-2019
- Reno Tahoe Young Professionals Network in conjunction with the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 20 Under 40 Award, Recipient, 2007
- Legal Elite, Top 35 Attorneys in Northern Nevada, *Nevada Business Magazine*, 2011
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™ from Martindale-Hubbell®

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Trustees Council
- Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association, Member and Past President
- Nevada Public Education Foundation, Board of Trustees, Past Chair
- American Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of Nevada, Member
- Young Lawyers Section Executive Council, Past Chair
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Publications Committee, Past Member
- Washoe County Bar Association, Member
- Mountain States Legal Foundation, Board of Litigation, Member
- American Inns of Court, Former Barrister
- United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, Board of Directors
- Nevada Public Education Foundation, Past Chair
- Washoe "Ready for Life," Executive Board and Steering Committee, Member