



## Michelle Seares

Associate

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**Michelle Seares provides counsel to energy clients on a broad range of litigation matters including royalty disputes, surface access problems, and issues with working interest owners.**

She is an effective advocate for clients in responding to federal agency investigations, civil and criminal litigation, and Anti-Corruption matters.

Practice in Colorado temporarily authorized pending admission under C.R.C.P. 205.6.

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
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Litigation  
Oil and Gas  
Government Investigations and White  
Collar Defense

### EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law  
School, J.D., 2016  
*magna cum laude*  
Order of the Coif

Colby College, B.A., 2013  
*cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Practice in Colorado temporarily  
authorized pending admission under  
C.R.C.P. 205.6.  
District of Columbia

### EXPERIENCE

Michelle assists energy clients in litigation involving:

- Royalty Disputes
- Surface Access Problems
- Commercial Litigation
- Contract Disputes

### CLIENT RESULTS

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Michelle's practice focused on representing clients in criminal investigations and regulatory enforcement matters, including:

- Representing a major financial institution in multi-agency investigation of foreign bribery issues.
- Representing a major communications company in U.S. Department of Justice investigation of foreign bribery issues.
- Representing the audit committees of the boards of directors of two major communications companies in internal investigations of foreign bribery issues.
- Representing a major pharmaceutical company in multi-agency investigation concerning alleged violations of the False Claims Act.

### PUBLICATIONS

"Wellness at Work: Reconciling the Affordable Care Act with the Americans with Disabilities Act," *84 GEO. WASH. L. REV.* 218, 2016