



Jennifer Huntsman

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Jennifer provides clients with sound counsel on a broad spectrum of environmental matters across a variety of transaction types involving renewable energy projects, Brownfields redevelopment, real property acquisitions and leasing, mergers and acquisitions, and divestitures and financings. Jennifer also represents clients in complex environmental and real estate matters, including CERCLA litigation and land use disputes.

Minimizing Environmental Liabilities: Clients benefit from Jennifer's experience assisting clients with remediating and redeveloping contaminated properties, evaluating properties and companies for potential environmental liabilities, and developing strategies to limit environmental liabilities associated with real property and corporate acquisitions.

Commercial & Energy Project Development: Jennifer guides clients through critical environmental and permitting aspects of project development for renewable energy, commercial real estate, mining, and oil and gas project development.

Environmental Compliance Advisor: Jennifer is experienced with various environmental laws and regulations, particularly the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and the Clean Water Act. Jennifer has experience negotiating agreements and settlements with state and Federal regulatory agencies and private parties.

Experienced Litigator: Jennifer has represented clients in a variety of industries, including real estate, energy, construction, and finance. Clients benefit from her efficient approach to dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Jennifer was an associate at Chapman and Cutler LLP, a judicial clerk for Associate Presiding Judge J. Frederic Voros of the Utah Court of Appeals, and a judicial extern for Judge Dale A. Kimball of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.

EXPERIENCE

Project Development, Environment & Energy

Clients engage Jennifer for guidance through the ever-changing environmental regulations landscape:

- Contaminated properties & Brownfield redevelopment
- Renewable energy project development

PRACTICES

Environmental Litigation
Environmental
Climate Change
Site Remediation
Environmental Health and Safety
Environmental Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Conventional Power
Renewable Energy and Storage
Mining

EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, J.D., 2011
High honors
National Moot Court
Note and Comment
Editor, *Environmental Law Review*

University of South Florida, B.A., 2001
magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

- Environmental and permitting advice and due diligence
- Mining and oil & gas project development

Environmental Compliance Law

Jennifer provides proactive counsel to assist clients in developing sound environmental management policies:

- Environmental assessment and permitting
- Compliance and enforcement
- Remedial actions and redevelopment projects

Real Estate and Environmental Litigation

Jennifer provides pre-litigation advice and represents clients in state and federal court and before administrative agencies:

- CERCLA cost recovery, contribution, and related matters
- Environmental liability and compliance
- Commercial landlord/tenant disputes
- Real estate and land use disputes

CLIENT RESULTS

Environmental Law and Project Development

Guided developer of 250 megawatt wind energy project in New Mexico traversing three counties through negotiation of environmental and permitting provisions of transaction documents, permitting and environmental planning and due diligence, and strategies to minimize environmental liability.

Represented a real estate development company in negotiating and implementing an administrative settlement agreement concerning the remediation of a property impacted by historic mining activities.

Advised a mining company in the development of a strategy to remediate a uranium mill and assisted in the drafting and negotiation of an administrative settlement agreement regarding remediation of contaminated groundwater aquifers.

Consulted with the second largest operator of self-storage facilities in the United States regarding the environmental condition and acquisition of properties throughout the western United States.

Drafted environmental lending policies for a major Chicago-based regional bank with 650 branches.

Reviewed Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for dozens of service stations located in California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington that were to serve as collateral in a loan transaction.

Litigation

Defending potentially responsible party (PRP) against CERCLA claims by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency arising from remediation of former mining property.

Represented two oil companies and a municipality in an \$18 million contract dispute in federal district court arising remediation of a canal containing contaminated sediment in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Defended against malpractice claim in \$300 million dispute among former business partners.

PUBLICATIONS

"Environmental Issues in the Landlord-Tenant Context," *Environmental Aspects of Real Estate and Commercial Transactions, Fifth Edition*, American Bar Association, Chapter 15, 2021

"Recent EPA Guidance Spells Out Superfund Liability Protections Available to Local Governments," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 09/23/2020

"California Pushes the Environmental Envelope - Sets in Motion Stricter Vapor Intrusion Regime," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 06/02/2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"A Legal Perspective: Liability & Risk Management Considerations ," *The Northwest Environmental Business Council Idaho Brownfields Conference*, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Project Finance Law, 2022-2025
- Utah State Bar, Paul T. Moxley Mentor Award, 2023
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Up and Coming, 2017-2020; Environmental, 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Utah State Bar, Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Energy Committee Chair
- Salt Lake County Bar Association, Executive Committee Member
- Ballet West, Governing Board Member
- Adjunct Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, Energy & Sustainability Moot Court
- Utah State Bar, Member
- Women Lawyers of Utah, Member