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Utsarga represents energy and natural resources clients on complex litigation and regulatory compliance matters.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Environmental Litigation
Federal Lands Permitting
State Government Affairs

INDUSTRIES

Conventional Power
Energy and Resources
Mining
Oil and Gas
Oil and Gas Litigation
Renewable Energy and Storage

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2018
Order of the Coif
Transportation Law Journal, Technical Editor

Colorado College, B.A., 2012
cum laude

Biology with distinction. Secondary
Emphasis: Economics and International Affairs.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Utsarga represents clients in litigation in the areas of renewable energy projects, oil and gas, and mining, and assists clients through regulatory compliance necessary to authorize energy development projects. He guides clients through disputes over royalty payments, operating agreements, purchase and sale agreements, and permits to conduct operations on public lands. When necessary, Utsarga helps clients challenge agency decisions that obstruct energy development.

Clients benefit from Utsarga's past work experience at an organization specializing in strategic counseling and collaborative problem solving on complex global and national issues, including supply chain sustainability, natural resources management, disaster response and recovery, and climate change policies.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Utsarga served as a clerk for Justice Monica M. Márquez of the Colorado Supreme Court. During law school, Utsarga was a member of the Civil Litigation Clinic and interned for Judge Christine M. Arguello of the U.S. District Court in Denver.

EXPERIENCE

Utsarga provides effective representation to clients in energy and natural resources industries, including:

- Permitting and regulatory compliance
- Oil and gas royalty disputes
- Development of renewable energy projects
- Defense of energy development permits
- Appellate advocacy

PUBLICATIONS

"BLM Finalized New Waste Prevention Rule – What Does it Mean for Industry?," *Holland & Hart Federal Lands Update*, April 1, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"BLM Rules, Policies, and Practices Affecting Royalty Reporting and Payment Obligations," *The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy*

Law, Houston, TX, April 25, 2024

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder, 2024
- South Asian Bar Association of North America, Member