



Jim Shine

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Jim harnesses extensive knowledge of the inner workings of Alaska state government and agencies to help energy industry clients navigate complex permitting, regulatory, and compliance challenges.

Jim brings valuable perspective to help guide clients through regulatory and environmental review hurdles that arise developing projects on state and federal lands. From his role in the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, with oversight over mining and oil and gas development, Jim has in-depth knowledge of how decisions are made and how to help position clients for success.

His experience at an upstream oil and gas producer allows him to understand how companies evaluate investment and development opportunities. He has a strong background in conducting due diligence for oil and gas acquisitions and receiving regulatory approvals from state and federal agencies. Jim also has extensive experience working with local governments, Alaska Native Corporations, and affected stakeholders. Jim also serves as the Chair of the Holland & Hart Foundation's Anchorage Office Committee.

Jim knows the decision makers in Alaska government and understands how to effectively advocate for clients in the Alaska State Legislature and before regulatory agencies. Clients benefit from his relationships with and access to regulators, legislators, and decision makers across state agencies and his ability to proactively identify and solve problems through upfront discussion and negotiation. When challenges and litigation ensue, Jim is an effective advocate promoting clients' interests to secure and defend approvals.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Jim worked at Hilcorp Alaska in operational and leadership roles. He served as the Oil and Gas Special Assistant to five different Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources where he had a strategic role implementing and shaping resource development policies. Jim served as the Deputy Director, and also as the Commercial Manager, of the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas, where he led a skilled team to review and analyze oil and gas development projects in Alaska. He practiced at Perkins Coie as an associate in the Environment, Energy, and Resources group.

EXPERIENCE

- Federal permitting
- Federal and state administrative-agency regulations

PRACTICES

Federal Lands Permitting
State Government Affairs
Environmental

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas
Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas Regulatory
Mining

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2009

Western State College of Colorado, B.A., 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alaska

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

- Federal lands
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Public lands
- Native lands
- Commercial litigation
- Energy and resources litigation
- Exploration and development contracts

Government Experience

As the Oil and Gas Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Jim collaborated with oil and gas and legal professionals to evaluate issues and major decisions regarding Alaska's oil and gas resources. Jim was responsible for counseling the commissioner on oil and gas matters, reviewing and analyzing administrative appeals, developing oil and gas related legislation, and supporting permitting and regulatory proposals. He also supported the Department of Natural Resources' participation in North Slope gas commercialization negotiations with upstream producers.

As Commercial Manager for the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas, Jim led a team of commercial analysts providing oil and gas resource and property evaluation, economic modeling, and policy analysis to evaluate development projects and to protect Alaska's interests. He also negotiated royalty-in-kind oil sales contracts with Alaska refineries, testified in legislative hearings, and received legislative ratification of the sales contracts.

CLIENT RESULTS

Represented mining and oil and gas clients regarding permitting and defense of permits when challenged.

Researched and drafted briefs in federal and state proceedings, including motions to intervene, motions to dismiss, and motions for summary judgment.

Drafted memorandum regarding alternatives for a proposed gas pipeline pursuant to NEPA.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Resource Development Council for Alaska, Board Member
- Alaska Bar Association, Environmental and Natural Resources Section
- American Bar Association, Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources
- American Association of Professional Landmen
- Alaska Association of Professional Landmen

- Alaska Zoo, Board Member, 2020 – 2023