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Andrea delivers strategic counsel to mining and energy clients on permitting and regulatory matters, leveraging her deep industry expertise in critical minerals and renewables development.

Licensed in five western states, Andrea helps mining and energy clients navigate cross-jurisdictional environmental and natural resource issues. Andrea guides clients through complex environmental permitting and regulatory challenges. She focuses on critical mineral mining, conventional and renewable energy development, and contaminated site remediation.

Her practice includes obtaining and defending key permits, conducting environmental due diligence for large transactions, and advising on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Water Act (CWA), and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) reviews for exploration and mine plans. She also assists conventional and renewable energy developers with essential permits for solar, wind, and battery storage projects, including Certificates of Environmental Compatibility from Arizona's Corporation Commission.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Andrea was a partner at Perkins Coie, where she served as Firmwide Chair of the Mining Industry Group and Co-Chair of the Oil & Gas Industry Group.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Site Remediation
Federal Lands Permitting
Environmental Transactions
Environmental Litigation
Water Resources

INDUSTRIES

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

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, J.D., 2002
Order of the Coif

University of London (LSHTM), M.Sc.,
1998

Arizona State University, B.S., 1997
summa cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Alaska
Nevada
Arizona
New Mexico

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of
Arizona
U.S. District Court for the District of
Alaska
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of

EXPERIENCE

Mining and Natural Resources

- Mine permitting and environmental compliance
- Exploration and operations authorizations
- Water quality and discharge permits
- NEPA review for mine plans of operation
- CERCLA liability evaluations
- Mining due diligence
- Federal land use approvals

Energy Development

- Conventional and renewable energy project permitting
- Certificates of Environmental Compatibility
- Battery storage facility authorizations

Nevada
U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
United States District Court for the District of Nevada
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

- Solar and wind project siting
- Energy facility environmental compliance
- Cross-jurisdictional permitting strategy

Environmental Transactions

- Environmental due diligence
- Mining property acquisitions
- Energy project transactions
- Engineering, procurement, and construction management (EPCM) contracts
- Multi-state permit transfers
- Environmental liability assessment
- Compliance audits and reviews

Water Resources

- Water rights acquisitions
- Groundwater contamination matters
- Water quality permitting
- Water supply agreements
- Cross-jurisdictional water issues
- Discharge permit compliance

PUBLICATIONS

"Siting Energy and Transmission Line Project in Arizona: An Irreverent Primer," *SWCA and Holland & Hart Guide*, 2025

"What Nevada 'Superbasin' Ruling Means for Water Users," *Law360*, April 2, 2025

"PFAS Food Packaging Regulations State by State," *Packaging Digest*, September 19, 2023

"New US Waters Definition May Rock The Boat," *Law360*, January 19, 2023

"Where Water Ends and Land Begins: Course Changes and the Clean Water Act," *Nevada Lawyer*, April 2022

"Mines and Maui: So Much for Regulatory Certainty," *FNREL Natural Resources Law Network*, August 2020

"Just Add Water: Permitting, State Sovereignty, and the Marble Cake Debacle," *ABA 35 Natural Resources & Environment 1*, Summer 2020

"The Other CO2 Problem," *ABA 34 Natural Resources & Environment 1*,

Summer 2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Moderated panel on NEPA Reform: Permitting for Critical Minerals Production," December 2024

"Moderated panels on WOTUS and PFAS for Clean Water Act 2024: Law and Regulation," October 2024

"Spoke at the American Exploration and Mining Association's annual meeting on NEPA Reform: Permitting for Critical Minerals Production," December 2023

"Moderated panel on the Clean Water Act for the ABA SEER conference," October 2021

RECOGNITION

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental, 2024-2025
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch in America, 2021-2023
- Member of trial team that received the District of Arizona's Pro Bono Firm of the Year Award, 2023
- Recipient of the Top Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona Award, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, 2023
- Pro Bono Team Award for Arizona Foster Care Litigation, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Exploration and Mining Association, Board of Trustees, 2024-2025
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Mining Committee Co-Chair, 2022-2024
- Fresh Start, Executive Board of Directors, 2023-2025
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Ladder Down Class, 2021
- Arizona Center for Disability Law, former President and Board Member, 2018-2024