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EXPERIENCE

2009-Present BEATTY & WOZNIAK, P.C., ASSOCIATE
2004-2008 FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI, LLP, ASSOCIATE

EDUCATION

2003 TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, JURIS DOCTOR
1999 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, B.S. POLITICAL SCIENCE

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado State Bar
Wyoming State Bar
Texas State Bar
District of Columbia State Bar
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado and District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Tenth Circuit

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Representation of independent oil and gas companies in litigation involving the issuance of federal oil and gas leases.

Representation of oil and gas companies before federal agencies in National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws compliance.

Representation of an independent oil and gas producer in litigation involving the Endangered Species Act.

Representation of oil and gas companies in development and issuance of Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service resource management plans, including subsequent litigation.

Representation of oil of gas companies in royalties disputes including allowances for transportation and beneficial use.

Advised oil and gas companies on water discharge permits and administrative challenges to them.

Representation of bi-partisan trade associations regarding public land access, development of land use plans and roadless rules.

Due diligence review for acquisitions of federal oil and gas leases, mining claims and state leases.

Representation of oil and gas companies before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Representation of oil and gas companies before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Counsel

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES

“The Role of Secretarial Discretion in Federal Oil and Gas Leasing,” The Rocky Mountain Landman, Denver Association of Petroleum Landman Newsletter, May 2010

Co-Author, Presenter with Kenneth Wonstolen and Jamie Jost, “Federal Oil & Gas Compliance Issues Due Diligence in Mining and Oil & Gas Transactions,” “Oil & Gas Permitting and Regulatory Compliance,” Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Special Institute on Due Diligence in Mining and Oil & Gas Transactions, April 2010

“Secretarial Discretion,” Public Lands Committee, Petroleum Association of Wyoming, March 2010

“Legal and Regulatory Update: Wildlife and Public Lands,” Rocky Mountain Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Peer Group, October 2009

Co-Author with David Chung, “Federal District Court Rules Citizens’ Wilderness Inventory is Not Significant New Information,” The Rocky Mountain Landman, Denver Association of Petroleum Landman Newsletter, November 2007

Co-author with L. Poe Leggette and Bret A. Sumner, "Federal Court Invalidates Forest Service Regulations Governing NEPA Categorical Exclusions, Including Oil and Gas Seismic Exploration Projects," Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Legal Update, December 2005

Frequent contributor to the Fulbright Western Lands & Energy Monthly Update (2006-2008) & Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. Energy News Alert (2009-present)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Texas State Bar Association

Colorado State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

Wyoming Bar Association