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Experience

- *Mineral Title Examination*
- *Onshore oil and gas litigation*
- *Federal permitting and environmental compliance issues*
- *Legislative and government affairs activities*
- *Renewable Energy*

Industries

- *Oil and Gas*
- *Natural Resources*
- *Renewable Energy*

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AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- Oil and Gas
- Title Examination
- Oil and Gas Acquisitions
- Energy Litigation
- Appeals

EXPERIENCE

Rin Karns focuses her practice on energy and litigation matters. She represents primarily oil and gas exploration and production companies in the preparation of acquisition, drilling and division order title opinions, due diligence in mining and oil and gas transactions, litigation surrounding oil and gas agreements and title, surface use and split estate issues, and the probate of mineral estates.

Rin joined the Beatty & Wozniak legal team in January of 2012. Prior to joining the firm, she worked for Brown, Drew & Massey, LLP as an energy and litigation attorney focusing on Energy Resource Law including oil and gas litigation and legal services to developers and investors involved in renewable energy projects, including the permitting of wind rights-of-way/leases with the BLM and State, helping clients obtain conditional use and building permits from Wyoming counties, and assisting in the permitting of energy facilities through the State industrial siting process.

After receiving her undergraduate degree in French Language and Literature from Baylor University, Rin worked as assistant press secretary for a congressman in Washington, D.C. She then moved to Dallas where she taught AP French in a public high school for a number of years before going to law school. Rin graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law, with Honors, in 2006, and was awarded membership in the Order of the Coif. While in law school, Rin served as President of the Board of Advocates, a member of Law Review, published a case note in the Wyoming Law Journal, worked as a Legal Writing Teaching Assistant, and argued twice before the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Rin is an active member of the Wyoming State Bar and currently serves as the Wyoming Bar Commissioner for the Seventh Judicial District which manages the affairs and activities of the Bar to benefit the public, member attorneys and improve the practice of law in the State of Wyoming.

In her time away from the office, Rin enjoys spending time with friends and family, hiking, reading and snowshoeing with her two dogs.



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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2009-2012 Wyoming Bar Commissioner for the Seventh Judicial District
- Wyoming Association of Petroleum Landmen
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
- Associate editor, University of Wyoming Law Review

SPEECHES

- Karns, Rin: *Current Issues in Title Examination*: Presented at the Wyoming Association of Petroleum Landmen Annual Meeting, Casper, Wyoming (2011).
- Karns, Orintha “Rin”, Peter Nicolaysen and Timothy M. Stubson: *Wind: Wyoming’s New Frontier of Natural Resource Law: Permitting on Public Lands*: Presented at the Wyoming State Bar Annual Meeting and Judicial Conference, Evanston, Wyoming (2009).
- Karns, Orintha “Rin”, Tim Lubnau and Timothy M. Stubson: *Carbon Sequestration and Ownership of Pore Space – What HB 89 Means to You*: Presented at the Wyoming State Bar Annual Meeting and Judicial Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming (2008).

EDUCATION

- 2006 – J.D. with Honors, University of Wyoming Law School, Laramie, Wyoming
- 1990 – B.A., French Language and Literature, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- Rin is admitted to practice law in Wyoming. She is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

SAMPLE PUBLISHED CASES

- *Morris v. CMS Oil and Gas Co.*, 2010 WY 37, 227 P.3d 325 (Wyo. 2010)
- *Gasstop Two, LLC v. Small*, 2010 WY 24, 225 P.3d 1072 (Wyo. 2010)
- *Lamar Advertising v. Larry and Vickie Nichols, LLC*, 2009 WY 96, 213 P.3d 641 (Wyo. 2009)
- *Comet Energy Svcs., LLC v. Powder River Oil & Gas Ventures, LLC*, 2008 WY 69, 185 P.3d 1259 (Wyo. 2008)
- *Custer v. The State of Wyoming*, 2006 WY 72, 135 P.3d 620 (Wyo. 2006)