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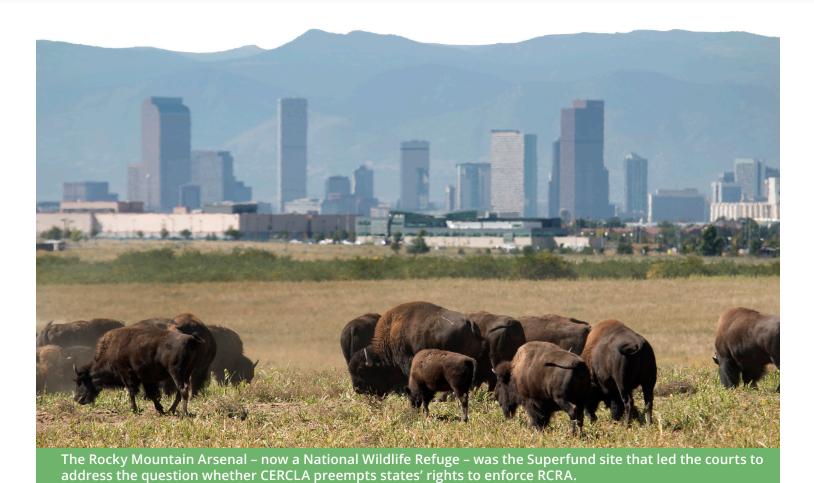
# Hazardous Substances Law

A Video-Linked Workshop & Networking Event

Organized by the Young Professionals Committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

March 9, 2017 3:00-5:00 Pacific 4:00-6:00 Mountain 4:00-6:00 Central Albuquerque, Billings, Denver, Houston, Portland, Sacramento, Salt Lake City

Whether you are a new lawyer, landman, or other professional working in oil and gas, mining, or public land law, a basic familiarity with hazardous substances law will benefit your practice. This one-hour video-linked CLE program will allow new professionals to learn the basics of the laws and regulations governing hazardous substances and wastes, and provide an opportunity to meet and network with your peers, without extensive time and travel.



# Hazardous Substances Law

The laws and regulations governing the use, generation, transportation, release, disposal, and cleanup of hazardous substances and wastes have special applicability in the oil, gas, and mining industries. Certain materials from these industries are excluded or exempted from regulation, regardless of their hazardousness, while others are specifically subject to regulation. A basic working knowledge of these laws and their applicability is advantageous to practitioners representing oil and gas and mining companies in any capacity, since compliance—and noncompliance—can have significant ramifications for transactions, litigation, and meeting other regulatory requirements. This program is designed to provide a primer for newer attorneys or attorneys new to the topic.

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## Hazardous Substances Laws and the Oil and Gas Industry

An overview of the origins and evolution of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) exemption of oil and gas exploration and production wastes from RCRA's hazardous waste regulations; the scope of that exemption; and common misconceptions surrounding the same. Brenna will also briefly address confusion caused by the statutory "petroleum exclusion" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the surprisingly small space occupied by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in domestic oil patches and shale plays.

BRENNA K. FINN, Associate, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Denver, CO

### Hazardous Substances Laws in the Mining Industry

A discussion of hazardous waste regulation for the mining industry under RCRA, including a more in-depth description of RCRA's exemption for wastes generated from the extraction and beneficiation of ores and minerals, commonly known as the Bevill Amendment, and pitfalls to avoid in obtaining and preserving the protection of the Bevill exclusion. Nicole will also provide a quick overview of liability under CERCLA and discuss CERCLA-related issues to watch for in conducting due diligence in various mining transactions.

NICOLE CARLISE SQUIRES, Associate, Holland & Hart LLP, Salt Lake City, UT

Complimentary refreshments will be served at the local networking events.

Course Materials will be provided electronically before the start of the Workshop.

One hour of CLE credit has been applied for.

# Speaker Biographies



BRENNA FINN is an associate with the law firm of Hogan Lovells US LLP, in Denver, Colorado. Her practice focuses on environmental health and safety regulation. Brenna helps clients identify potential risks and avoid hazardous pitfalls. She works alongside clients in highly regulated industries, such as oil and gas, petrochemical, and renewable energy, advising on regulation of pesticides, ensuring compliance with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), anticipating and responding to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issues, and guiding on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) compliance associated with the revitalization of contaminated sites. Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Brenna was an associate in the natural resources and environmental group of another law firm in Denver. In addition to her private practice background, Brenna also has key policy and political know-how gained from her time as an associate at a law firm based in

Washington, D.C., and as a law clerk in the Environmental Torts Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. She received her J.D., cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law in 2009; and her A.B., cum laude, from Princeton University in 2004. Brenna is licensed to practice in Colorado, the District of Columbia, and Maryland.



NICOLE CARLISLE SQUIRES is an associate with Holland & Hart LLP, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nicole advises clients on a broad spectrum of environmental matters across a variety of transactions involving mining and renewable energy projects, contaminated properties, mergers and acquisitions, and real property acquisitions, divestitures, and financing. She assists clients with remediating and redeveloping contaminated properties, evaluating properties and companies for potential environmental liabilities, and developing strategies to limit environmental liabilities associated with real property and corporate acquisitions. Nicole is experienced with various environmental laws and regulations, particularly the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); the Clean Water Act; and the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act. Nicole has experience obtaining permits and other governmental authorizations and

negotiating agreements and settlements with state and federal regulatory agencies. Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Nicole was an attorney at Chapman and Cutler LLP. Nicole received her J.D., cum laude, from Brigham Young University. She is admitted to practice in Utah.

Join us for the **Young Professionals Reception** at the start of the 63rd Annual Institute in Santa Fe, Wednesday July 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Back by popular demand, this gathering offers young professionals and their significant others an opportunity to meet young lawyers, landmen, and other professionals from around the country and around the world.

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# **Video-Linked Locations**

### **Albuquerque**

Modrall Sperling 500 4th St. N.W., Suite 1000 (505) 848-1800

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**Registration Cancellations:** Refunds, less a \$10 administrative fee, will be given for cancellations received by 3:00pm on Thursday, February 23, 2017. No refunds will be given thereafter, although substitution of attendees may be made by contacting the Foundation. Cancellations must be made in writing or email to info@rmmlf.org. Registrants not entitled to a refund will receive a link to the written materials.

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