



## Christopher Chrisman

Partner

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**Chris Chrisman represents energy clients in litigation involving royalty disputes, surface access problems, and issues with working interest owners.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
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 Litigation  
 Oil and Gas

### EDUCATION

University of Arizona, J.D., 2001  
*summa cum laude*  
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American University, B.A., 1998  
*summa cum laude*  
 Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
 North Dakota

Chris works closely with his clients to defend their interests by challenging the certification of complex class actions, litigating at trial, and providing representation on appeal.

In recent years, Chris has been involved in numerous high-stakes cases where his team has produced extremely favorable results for oil and gas clients.

Chris litigates cases for producers in a variety of contexts, including operating disputes, and title problems. He clerked for the Hon. Allison H. Eid of the Colorado Supreme Court.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Environmental and Natural Resources Litigation

- Oil and Gas Royalty
- Operational Disputes
- Surface and Title Disputes
- General Commercial Litigation for the Energy & Resources Industry

### CLIENT RESULTS

#### Representative Clients

Successfully defended client against multimillion-dollar claim for underpayments on production from wells in Colorado and North Dakota.

Achieved dismissal and summary judgment against claims alleging underpayment of royalties under New Mexico law.

Successfully defended client against multimillion-dollar class action alleging royalty underpayment under Colorado law.

Successfully appealed multimillion-dollar judgment against client alleging improper deduction of transportation costs from class members' royalty payments.

Represents clients in litigation with operating and non-operating working interest owners.

Represents clients in emergency injunction hearings to gain access to surface for drilling and exploration operations.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"[NYC Climate Change Suit Defeated](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 07/20/2018

"[Climate Change Suit Defeated](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 06/26/2018

"[Colorado Energy Companies Sued for Climate Change Impacts](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 04/20/2018

"[Coming to Colorado – Climate Change Nuisance Suits](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 01/29/2018

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Colorado Oil & Gas Law," *Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff*, January 2017

"Royalty Litigation: Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We're Going," *Oil and Gas Law Advanced Topics, CLE in Colorado*, March 2015

## **RECOGNITION**

- *The Best Lawyers in America*© Litigation - Environmental, 2017 - 2020
- *Denver Business Journal*, Who's Who in Energy, 2016-2017