Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Corporate
Securities and Capital Markets
Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

Oil and Gas
Mining
Oil and Gas Transactions

EDUCATION

DePauw University, B.A., 1993

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 1998
Order of the Coif
University of Colorado Law Review

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

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When public and private companies need clear, pragmatic counsel on finance transactions, business combinations, corporate governance, or disclosure questions, they turn to Lucy Stark.

Lucy's wide-ranging transactional practice includes debt and equity capital markets deals, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public and private securities offerings, and exchange offers. She also advises clients regarding disclosure issues and corporate governance, including SEC reporting, board and committee practices, and insider trading compliance.

Lucy's clients operate in a number of industries, including energy, mining, natural products, grocery, information services, and real estate.

Lucy is the firm's Managing Partner, working closely with the Firm Chair and members of the Management Committee to conduct the business of the firm in alignment with its strategic goals and objectives. Lucy previously served as the Corporate Practice Group Leader.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Lucy practiced at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, LLP.

EXPERIENCE

Securities and Capital Markets

- Debt and Equity Financing
- Financial Reporting and Disclosures
- Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings
- Follow-on Offerings
- Master Limited Partnerships
- NYSE and NASDAQ Listing Advice
- PIPE transactions
- Proxy Contests
- Private Placements
- Securities Law Compliance and Governance

Mergers and Acquisitions

- Strategic Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Private Equity Transactions
- Auction Processes

- Financing and Restructuring
- Joint Venture Arrangements

Master Limited Partnerships

- Initial public offerings by MLPs and their general partners
- Secondary offerings of equity and debt securities
- At-the-market (ATM) offerings
- SEC disclosure and accounting issues
- Conflicts Committees
- Partnership governance and fiduciary duty issues
- Structuring and tax issues arising from MLP formation, business combinations, dropdowns, joint ventures, and restructurings
- Accounting issues common to MLPs

CLIENT RESULTS

Representative Corporate Finance Transactions

Represented SM Energy in connection with its sale of $500 million in new Senior Notes, and related tender offer for and redemption of $350 million in outstanding Senior Notes.

Representation of SM Energy in connection with its issuance of $552 million in common equity and simultaneous offering of $172.5 million in convertible notes.

Represented American Midstream Partners, LP in a public offering of 7,651,937 common units.

Represented American Midstream Partners, LP in connection with its PIPE offering of $120 million in common units.

Represented DCP Midstream Partners, LP in its initial public debt offering of $250 million of 3.25% Senior Notes and in follow-on offerings of over $2.3 billion.

Represented DCP Midstream Partners in connection with its $500 million at-the-market offering program.

Advised DCP Midstream Partners, LP in connection with its $702,937,500 underwritten public equity offering.

Represented midstream oil and gas company in connection with multiple issuances of 144A debt in excess of $1.8 billion.

Initial public offering of $325 million of Common Units representing limited partner interests in Williams Pipeline Partners L.P.

Represented Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage in connection with its initial public offering.

Issuance of $500 million in Credit Linked Notes (synthetic credit facility).

Representative Acquisition Transactions

Represented WPX Energy, Inc. in connection with the sale of its Piceance Basin subsidiary for proceeds of $919 million.

Represented Associated Content, Inc. in connection with its sale to Yahoo! Inc.

Represented The Williams Companies, Inc. in connection with its $949 million purchase of an entity with operations in the Bakken play in North Dakota.

Represented SM Energy in connection with its $330 million acquisition of oil and gas development assets in the Bakken and Three Forks shale play.

Advised acquirer in connection with its $1.2 billion public tender offer for all the outstanding securities of a medical device manufacturer.

Advised acquirer in connection with its $1.7 billion public tender offer for all the outstanding securities of a software company.

Represented American Midstream Partners, LP in connection with its purchase of Blackwater Midstream Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries from an affiliate of its sponsor for $60 million.

Represented Stillwater Mining Company in connection with its $2.2 billion acquisition by Sibanye Gold Limited.

Represented WPX Energy Inc. in connection with the creation of its $860 million Permian midstream joint venture with Howard Energy Partners.

PUBLICATIONS

"Buckle Up for the SEC's Mandatory Climate Change Reporting Ride," *Holland & Hart News Update*, March 25, 2022

BLOG POSTS

"Getting the strategy right is hard, executing on the strategy can be even harder," *The Pulse*, July 15, 2026

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Blueprints of Success," Panelist, *WENCO Expert Hours*, July 31, 2024

RECOGNITION

- BTI Client Service All-Star for exceptional client service, 2016
- *Denver Business Journal,* Top Women in Energy, 2015
- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Eminent Practitioner, 2023-2026; Energy & Natural Resources, Eminent Practitioner, 2024-2026
- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, 2009-2022; Energy & Natural Resources, 2019-2023

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Corporate Law, 2015-2027; Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2016-2027; Venture Capital Law, 2018-2027; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, 2018-2027; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2019-2027; Corporate Compliance Law, 2021-2027; Energy Law, 2022-2027; Mining Law, 2023-2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Compliance Law - Denver, 2022, 2024, 2026; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law - Denver, 2023; Corporate Law - Denver, 2023; Energy Law - Denver, 2025
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Securities & Corporate Finance, 2012-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, "Top 50 Women Lawyers," 2020-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, "Top 100 Lawyers," 2020-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Securities & Corporate Finance, 2011
- *Law Week Colorado,* Barrister's Best, Top M&A Lawyer, 2011
- *Law Week Colorado,* Barrister's Best, Barrister's Choice: Securities Lawyer, 2018
- ColoradoBiz, Colorado 500, Business Law, 2026
- *Who's Who Legal,* Energy - Oil & Gas, 2024
- *5280 Magazine* Top Lawyers, Securities, 2018-2024; Mergers & Acquisitions, 2025, 2026
- *IFLR1000* United States, Notable Practitioner, Capital Markets : Debt, Capital Markets : Equity, Private Equity, 2018-2023

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Boulder Chamber of Commerce Esprit Awards Committee, 2007–2012, Chair, 2011
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- Naturally Boulder, Member
- University of Colorado Law Alumni Board, Member, Chair, 2016-2017