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An accomplished litigator and trusted counselor, Andy provides strategic, business-focused advice to energy, natural resources, and other clients.

A practical, creative problem solver, Andy strives to make clients' lives easier so they can focus on their business goals rather than legal issues. Andy helps alleviate the economic, intellectual, and emotional stress and disruption that legal matters create.

Andy's wide-ranging energy and natural resources practice includes handling business disputes, administrative enforcement actions, and federal and state environmental regulatory predicaments. He also helps clients capitalize on renewable-energy opportunities and navigate compliance with ever-changing energy-transition laws and regulations. Andy counsels clients on regulatory compliance, cybersecurity threats, supply chain integrity, and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) planning and compliance issues. He also works with clients on hot-button issues that will drive the future, including artificial intelligence, data centers, and novel energy solutions.

Andy helps clients proactively manage business and commercial challenges, creating solutions to resolve issues up front and to avoid litigation wherever possible. A fervent advocate, he handles a diverse variety of business disputes for clients in the health, food and beverage, heavy industry, real estate, and agriculture industries.

At the request of the Colorado Attorney General, from time to time Andy also serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General for Colorado, handling land-use, governmental policy-related, and other matters.

Andy is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he teaches energy-transition, resources, and lawyering-skills classes.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Andy was a partner at Hogan Lovells US LLP, leading the Denver Office Litigation team.

Before that, he served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Lewis T. Babcock of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

EXPERIENCE

Energy and Resources Litigation

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Environmental Litigation
Climate Change
Environmental
Environmental Health and Safety
Zoning and Land Use
Real Estate Litigation
FCPA and Anti-Corruption

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas
Mining
Conventional Power
Food, Beverage, and Consumer Products
Oil and Gas Litigation
Renewable Energy and Storage
Healthcare
Data Centers

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2002
Order of St. Ives

University of Colorado, M.A., Science Journalism, 2002

University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, B.G.S., English and American History, 1994

University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment (now School for Environment and Sustainability), B.S., Environmental Science and Policy
With distinction, 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Michigan
North Dakota

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

- Administrative enforcement actions
- Citizen suits
- Clean Air Act (CAA)
- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Federal administrative-agency regulations
- Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA)
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and Anti-Corruption (FCPA)
- Mineral Leasing Act (MLA)
- Mining Law of 1872
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- State and local statutes and regulations
- Toxic torts

Regulatory Compliance in Oil and Gas, Mining, Renewable Energy, and Electric Power Generation Sectors

- Air quality
- Climate change
- Energy Transition
- Environmental health and safety
- Environmental Social and Governance (ESG)
- Hazardous waste
- Project permitting and infrastructure
- Public lands
- Rulemaking and policy
- Water quality

Energy Transition

- Batteries
- Biofuels
- Carbon capture and storage
- Carbon neutrality and negativity
- Climate change
- Critical minerals
- Data centers
- Decarbonization
- Deep-sea mining

- Electrification
- Environmental health and safety
- Environmental Social and Governance (ESG)
- Hazardous waste
- Lithium and rare-earth elements mining
- Micronuclear generators
- Project permitting and infrastructure
- Public lands
- Rulemaking and policy
- Social cost of carbon
- Supply-chain economics and sustainability
- Transmission lines
- Water quality and supply
- Wave and tidal energy

Commercial Disputes

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial contracts and torts
- FOIA/sunshine acts
- Food and restaurant issues
- Government contracts
- Intellectual Property- trademarks and trade dress
- Local control over resources
- Public health issues

Land Use

- Conservation
- Data centers
- Eminent domain
- Leasing
- Private land use
- Public lands
- Sustainability

Cybersecurity

- Artificial intelligence
- Energy and infrastructure cybersecurity threats
- Energy and infrastructure supply chain integrity
- Internet+ (Internet of Things)

PUBLICATIONS

"Personal Power Plants: On-Site Generation for Data Centers," *40 Natural Resources & Environment* 1, Summer 2025

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

"The United States Mining Laws," *Springer Link--Encyclopedia of Mineral and Energy Policy*, June 2021

"Seafloor Massive Sulfides," *American Bar Association Section of Natural Resources & Environment*, Volume 32, Number 2, Fall 2019

"Constructing a Robust Legal Framework for the New Energy Economy," *ColoradoBiz Magazine*, 09/18/2018

"The New Energy Economy," *ColoradoBiz Magazine*, 08/31/2018

"Water Quality and Wetlands," *American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources: The Year in Review*, 2018

"The America First energy policy of the Trump Administration," *Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law*, 05/25/2017

"5 Questions About the Future of US Environmental Regs," *Law360*, 11/17/2016

"Why We Can't Afford to Ignore Energy in this Election," *HuffPost*, 10/28/2016

"Drip, Dribble, or Deluge: Managing the Legacy of Mine-Water Discharges from Inactive and Abandoned Mines in the America West," *62nd Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute Proceedings*, 2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Trust/Antitrust: Getting the Most from Your Outside Counsel Relationship and Issue-Spotting for Current Antitrust Risks," *ACC Colorado Breakfast CLE*, November 14, 2024

"Generative AI: Under The Hood And Tour d'Horizon," *Faculty of Federal Advocates Event*, May 9, 2024

"Inflation Reduction Act Tax Incentives for Renewable Energy Development on Brownfield Sites," *Colorado Bar Association (CBA) Environmental CLE*, March 27, 2024

"The Psychology of Lawyering," *Faculty of Federal Advocates (FFA) CLE Presentation*, 08/17/2022

"Pretrial Advocacy and Case Management: What Law Schools Don't Teach You," *National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Webcast*, June 28, 2022

"The SEC's Proposed Climate Rules: Preparing for the Tsunami and Finding Opportunities in the Storm," *IMA-NA Conference 2022*, May 11, 2022

"Knowing Your Case Inside Out: How to Make Litigating Easier Through Case Mapping," *Faculty of Federal Advocates (FFA) CLE Webinar*, 07/08/2021

"Mine Closure and Reclamation," *World Association of Mining Lawyers Annual Conference, Panel Speaker*, Morocco, 2019

"Mining Law Updates from USA, Australia, and Central Asia," *World Association of Mining Lawyers Annual Conference, Panel Speaker*, Portugal, 2018

RECOGNITION

- *Lawyer Monthly Legal Award*, Regulatory Law—United States, 2020
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2026; Natural Resources Law, 2023-2026; Administrative/Regulatory Law, 2023-2026
- Lexology Index (Formerly Who's Who Legal): Mining, 2024, 2026

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Adjunct Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Member
- American Bar Association, Energy and Natural Resources Litigation Committee, Vice Chair, 2017–present
- American College of Trial Lawyers, National Trial Competition Judge, 2023
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Governor's Board of Ethics, Chair, 2021–present
- Downtown Denver Leadership Program, Member
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, CLE Committee, 2019–2025
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Member
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Natural Resources and Energy Litigation Program Committee
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Programs Committee Member
- Guest lecturer on natural resources topics at Colorado School of Mines, North Dakota State University, and University of Denver
- *Law360*, Colorado Editorial Advisory Board: Colorado, 2024-2025
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Instructor
- World Association of Mining Lawyers, Member