

News

Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" Has Ranked Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. in the National Tier 2 Firm for Oil & Gas Law | (PDF)

November, 2011

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Attorneys Joseph C. Pierzchala and Chelsey J. Russell Join Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley | (PDF)

November, 2011

Associates Scott Turner and Jeff Flege have passed the Wyoming Bar examination.

October, 2011

This will allow Scott and Jeff to assist clients with their oil and gas title needs in Wyoming. Associate Nora Pincus passed the Montana Bar examination.

Rebecca Watson Presents to UR 2011 | (PDF)

September 19, 2011

Attorney Rebecca Watson presents "Uranium Mining: Challenges of Coordination Between Federal Agencies" at the National Uranium Conference in Casper, WY. See related paper (PDF)

Rebecca Watson to Serve as Co-Chair at RMMLF Annual Meeting

August 2011

Rebecca Watson was asked to serve as co-chair of the Public Lands Section for the 2012 Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF) Annual Meeting.

Amy Seneshen elected to serve as RMMLF Trustee

July 2011

Amy Seneshen was elected in July 2011 to serve as a Trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation for a two-year term. Amy recently completed her term as the Chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

Rebecca Watson Joins Board of Directors of Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

July 2011

In July 2011, Rebecca Watson joined the Board of Directors of **Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado**. On September 20, 2011, Xcel Energy donated \$23,500 to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. Throughout the 2011 season, Xcel Energy donated \$250 to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado for every home run hit at Coors Field. Jonathan Adelman from Xcel Energy presented the check to Ann Baker Easley (VOC Executive Director), Bob Van Wetter (VOC Board Chair), Jay Kenney (VOC Board Vice Chair), and Rebecca Watson (VOC Board Member). Support from companies like Xcel Energy means that Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado can continue to provide hands-on volunteer opportunities for Coloradoans to help protect, enhance, restore, and preserve our State's natural resources.



Firm Attorneys Win in Oil and Gas 60-day Lease Issuance Case Cheyenne, Wyoming »

June 2011 (The Associated Press)

A judge has ruled that the Interior Department must abide by a deadline in the Mineral Leasing Act...

Rebecca Watson Hosts Wind & Solar Webinar | (PDF)

June 21, 2011

Rebecca Watson hosts "Public Land Wind & Solar: 2010 Lessons Learned and New 2011 Guidance" webinar.

Attorneys Carolyn F. Burr and James M. Noble Join Welborn Sullivan | [\(PDF\)](#)

June 2011 (Denver, CO)

Attorneys Carolyn F. Burr and James "Jim" M. Noble join the Energy and Natural Resources firm of Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley P.C.

Nora Pincus Speaks at the Colorado Women's Bar Association Conference

June 11, 2011

Ms. Pincus gave a presentation entitled "Natural Resources Issues for Non-Natural Resource Practitioners: An Introduction to Basic Principles and Commonly-Encountered Issues" to conference attendees in Vail, CO

Firm Attorneys Challenge BLM's Oil & Gas Policies »

May 2, 2011 (Oil & Gas Journal)

Litigators Rebecca Watson, Brian Tooley, Steve Bain, Kathryn Haight and Nora Pincus file a nationally significant lawsuit in USDC for the District of Wyoming on behalf of the Western Energy Alliance (formerly IPAMS) and six (6) oil and gas companies challenging the BLM's failure to timely issue federal oil & gas leases.

Rebecca Watson Presents to DU Law School | [\(PDF\)](#)

April 27, 2011

Rebecca Watson presents "New (and Old) Energy on Public Lands" to DU Law students studying Oil and Gas Law.

Jennifer McDowell, an associate in the firm's Casper, Wyoming office, was named one of Wyoming's 20 under 40 »

April, 2011

Steve Bain Presents to the Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen

April 2011

Steve Bain presents an "Overview of International Oil and Gas – Contracts, Customs and Corruption" to the Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen in Denver, CO.

Rebecca Watson Presents at RMMLF Special Institute | [\(PDF\)](#)

March 3, 2011

Rebecca Watson presents "Managing Cultural Resource Issues on Indian Lands" at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute.

Jeff Welborn Offering Mediation and Arbitration Services

Founding member John ("Jeff") Welborn focuses his legal practice on mediation and arbitration. Jeff serves as a mediator and arbitrator in disputes involving oil and gas, mining, and other natural resources issues. He has extensive experience in domestic oil and gas law, in domestic and international mining law, in natural resources regulatory matters, and in negotiating and drafting natural resource development agreements, financing arrangements, and conveyance documents. Jeff's experience includes a variety of relevant legal and industry positions as: senior management in an international mining company; Commissioner and also Chair of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; Chair of the Mineral Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association; Adjunct Professor in oil and gas, natural resources, and water law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law; and, instructor on natural resources matters for continuing education seminars. Jeff is a graduate of Dartmouth (1968) and the University of Colorado School of Law (1972).