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## **Rebecca W. Watson Selected President-elect of Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation**



August, 2018 (Denver, CO) Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. is pleased to announce that Rebecca W. Watson has been selected President-elect of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (“RMMLF”). The RMMLF is a collaborative, educational non-profit organization with 4,000 members that provides practical scholarship for natural resource and environmental lawyers.

Ms. Watson’s election as the 2018-19 Vice President of RMMLF was announced during the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute in Victoria, British Columbia. She will start her term as President of the Foundation at the conclusion of the 2019 Annual Institute. Before joining Welborn, Ms. Watson served as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior during President George W. Bush’s first term.

Ms. Watson will be the 4<sup>th</sup> woman President of the Foundation in its 64-year history (and enjoys practicing with its first woman President, Laura Lindley (1999-2000)). Ms. Watson has been a member and contributor to RMMLF for over 35 years. “The Foundation has been a significant part of my legal career, I’ve relied on its scholarship to become a better lawyer, found friends, mentors and a professional network and gained personal satisfaction as a contributor to the Foundation’s scholarship.” Ms. Watson has written and presented many papers on natural resource topics and in 2014 served as Program Chair at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute of RMMLF which had over 1000 attendees. In 1996, Rebecca started Portia’s Lunch, a networking event for the women lawyers and landmen of the Foundation. It is now a widely-anticipated part of each Annual Institute.

She is also part of a 5-person Board team to lead the Foundation's first strategic planning effort in 2017-2018 and will guide the implementation of the plan as Vice President and then President. "I am particularly honored to have been chosen to help lead the Foundation at this important time - as we position the Foundation for continued relevance to new generations of lawyers and landmen."

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