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SUMMARY

Served as senior executive and attorney with major energy and mining companies operating in North America and Chile. Core competencies include leadership and organizational skills necessary to manage multiple large-scale complex land and mineral rights acquisition and disposition programs and work with multidisciplinary teams in evaluating, permitting, and developing major carbon offset, natural resource, and industrial projects. Strong communication skills. Colorado Bar Association Member.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with Ruby Canyon Engineering Inc. (“RCE”), a Colorado environmental engineering firm, Peabody Energy Corporation (“Peabody”), and EPA’s Coal Mine Methane Outreach Program (“CMOP”) analyzed environmental, legal, operational challenges and incentives associated with the capture and sale or destruction of coalmine methane (CMM), a significant source of greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions.
- Directed day-to-day oil, natural gas, and coalbed methane (“CBM”) operations for Peabody Natural Gas, LLCs (“PNG”), a Peabody affiliate.
- Participated in Arid Operations’ successful permitting and sale of Mesquite Regional Landfill (“MRL”) in Imperial County, California, the world’s largest waste-by-rail project, to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (“LASD”).
- Managed Gold Fields Mining Corporation’s (“Gold Fields”) preparation of asset and real property inventory and transfer documents in “gold for coal” 1031 exchange with Santa Fe Minerals Corporation; at the time, the largest U.S. tax free exchange ever completed – valued at over \$500 million.
- Headed Gold Fields Land and Exploration Legal Groups responsible for property acquisition, management, and regulatory compliance resulting in two (2) major gold discoveries: Mesquite Mine in southern California and Chimney Creek Mine in western Nevada.

EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY/CONSULTANT

2013 - 200

- In addition to working with RCE and EPA’s CMOP, provide a wide range of legal and consulting services:
 - Serve as RCE’s outside legal counsel; recently working as RCE’s representative with other interested parties was part of a successful legislative effort to include CMM as an “eligible energy resource” in Colorado’s “renewable energy standard” set forth in C.R.S. 40-2-124 (2013)
 - Participated in the evaluation of CMM carbon offset projects in Wyoming, Utah, and Lower Mongolia, and assisted in the verification and registration of CMM emission reduction credits (“ERCs”) generated from recovery operations at Peabody’s North Antelope Rochelle Mine in Wyoming’s Powder River Basin
 - Working with investors in evaluating prospective precious metals projects in U.S. and Mexico
 - Assisting in the development of a nonprofit entity business model that applies principles of sustainability to remediate abandoned hardrock mines.

PEABODY NATURAL GAS, LLC, GOLDEN, CO. a Peabody affiliate

2008 - 2001

VICE PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR

- Responsible for managing PNG's day-to-day oil and gas operations in the U.S. Annual budgets: \$3 - \$7+ million. Major accomplishments:
 - Oversaw preparation of budgets, land acquisitions, project evaluation and reserve analysis, permitting, drilling, testing, and development programs for CBM and oil and gas in Wyoming and Illinois and Appalachian Basins
 - Served on Legal Committee for Kentucky Oil and Gas Association and Kentucky Coal Mining Association responsible for drafting CBM development legislation in Kentucky
 - Developed first U.S. project to sell ERCs resulting from the capture of methane gas at a surface coal mine.

GOLD FIELDS GROUP COMPANIES, GOLDEN, CO ("Gold Fields")

2001- 1980

Arid Operations Inc., Gold Fields Chile, S.A., Gold Fields Mining Corporation, and Gold Fields Mining Company, a Division of Peabody Natural Resources Company

Vice President/LAND MANAGER AND ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL-EXPLORATION

- As Vice President directed companies' day-to-day operations. Major accomplishments:
 - Final permitting and sale of MRL project to Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
 - Successfully settled commercial litigation with Placer Dome involving Pipeline gold deposit in Nevada
 - Led company's Land and Legal Teams in completing asset inventory and transfer documents for sale and 1031 land exchange of Gold Fields' gold assets for Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation's coal assets
- As Land Manager and Assistant General Counsel Exploration was responsible for all land, legal, and regulatory matters pertaining to North American precious metals exploration program. Annual department budgets: \$2+ million. Major accomplishments:
 - Led acquisition program and managed annual property inventory of over 200,000+ acres in U.S. and Canada, mostly consisting of federal and provincial lands
 - Directed performance of due diligence and preparation of property acquisition, joint venture, and lease agreements, curative documents, permit applications, and NEPA environmental assessments
 - Negotiated agreements to acquire control of Mesquite, Chimney Creek, Elkhorn, Mule Canyon, and Springpole Lake gold deposits

URANIUM RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, ALLENTOWN, PA

1980 - 1979

An affiliate of Pennsylvania Power and Light Company

GENERAL ATTORNEY AND CORPORATE SECRETARY

- Maintained corporate records and minutes; supervised outside legal counsel and provided legal analysis on matters involving title, environmental, and regulatory compliance for uranium exploration in Utah and Wyoming on federal lands

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL, J.D., SOUTH BEND, IN

1977 - 1974

- Vice President of Notre Dame Legal Aid and Defender Society

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C. (JUNE-AUGUST)

1972

- Summer intern for Rep. McKay of Utah

SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE COLLEGE, B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUEBLO, CO

1970 - 1974

- Graduated with honors
- Recipient of NCAA Graduate Fellowship; Academic All American in Football

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Assisted John B. Draper and Stephen E. Flechner in preparing *Environmental Laws and Regulations Governing Gold Mining in the West - Current Issues*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation Annual Meeting, 1990.
- Co-Author of White Papers and Presentations for EPA's CMOP:
 - *Analysis of Opportunities and Challenges for U.S. Coal Mine Methane Projects*, September 2012,
 - *How The Tailoring Rule Effects Coal Mine Methane Emissions Offset Opportunities At U.S. Coal Mines*, October 2011,
 - *Financial and Regulatory Incentives for U.S. Coal Mine Methane Recovery Projects*, March 2011, and
 - *Coal Mine Methane: The True Unconventional Gas*, September 2010.