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As an attorney in Dorsey & Whitney's Regulatory Affairs practice area, Heath is dedicated to helping clients achieve their goals thoroughly and efficiently.

Heath's practice focuses primarily on natural resources and renewable energy. He represents clients with project acquisition, development, and financing. Heath represents clients before the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, the Interior Board of Land Appeals, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and various state regulatory bodies throughout the western United States. His work involves representing clients in asset purchase and sale transactions, joint venture transactions, earn-in arrangements, royalty transactions, land use and leasing arrangements, mineral leasing, federal and state regulatory approvals, and administrative appeals.

Heath also assists with mergers and acquisitions outside the natural resources area, corporate governance matters, and commercial contracts. Heath's pro bono service includes representing individuals in asylum proceedings, defending individuals against illegal debt collection practices, assisting qualifying individuals to seek expungement of their criminal records, and responding to legal questions submitted by qualifying individuals through the American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers websites for Utah and Wyoming.

Select Experience

Mergers & Acquisitions – Mining

- Represented Canadian investor in purchase out of bankruptcy and JV transaction for the Jerritt Canyon Mine in Nevada.
- Represented Bronco Coal Resources in purchase of the Emery Deep and Hidden Valley coal mines in Utah.
- Represented Uranium One in sale of the Shootaring Canyon Mill and other uranium assets, located in Utah, Arizona and South Dakota, to Anfield Resource Inc.

Education

- Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School (J.D., 2013)
 - *summa cum laude*;
 - Order of the Coif;
 - Managing Editor of Administration, Brigham Young University Law Review
- Marriott School of Business, Brigham Young University (M. Acc., 2010)
 - High Honors
- Brigham Young University (B.S., Accounting, 2010)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Utah
- Wyoming
- Alaska

- Represented purchaser in acquisition of Nevada mine holding company.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Salt Lake County Bar Association

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section
 - Section Treasurer, 2019-2020
 - Mining Law Committee Chair, 2014-2019
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
- American Exploration & Mining Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law School Alumni Association work

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Administrative / Regulatory Law, 2023-2026
- Dorsey & Whitney Scales of Justice Award for substantial contributions to pro bono work, 2019

Languages

- Spanish

Select Presentations

- Presentation: “Hard Rock Title Considerations,” Utah Association of Professional Landmen, Monthly Luncheon, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2019
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2019
- Presentation: “State Mine Permitting for Hardrock Operations,” American Exploration & Mining Association, Annual Meeting, Spokane, Washington, December 2018 (co-presenter, Idaho and Utah permitting)
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2018
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2017
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2016
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2015
- Presentation: “Mining Law Updates,” Utah State Bar Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Annual Update Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2014

Insights

Treatise: *Energy and the Environment*, in ENERGY LAW AND TRANSACTIONS, co-author

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