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Megan counsels clients through all aspects of major project development and advises clients on environmental requirements including permitting, compliance, and enforcement.

Megan has a breadth of experience assisting clients through complex environmental permitting matters under the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and community right to know laws. This experience allows her to guide clients through project development beginning with lands or mineral rights acquisition to full operation and continued compliance. Megan actively represents mining, petroleum, chemical, energy, real estate development, and public utility interests throughout the western United States and Canada. As part of her regulatory compliance practice, Megan also assists clients with environmental aspects of real property and mining transactions including brownfields redevelopment and public lands leasing transactions.

Megan leads Dorsey's Regulatory Affairs Group and previously served as co-chair of Dorsey's Energy & Natural Resources Industry Group and co-chair of Dorsey's Salt Lake City office. She has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of "America's Leading Business Lawyers" in Environment, Natural Resources & Regulated Industries and is consistently listed in Best Lawyers in America, Mountain States Super Lawyers, and Utah Legal Elite for Environmental Law and Litigation. Megan serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Utah Open Lands and as an adjunct faculty member at the S.J. Quinney College of Law.

Select Experience

Environmental Permitting

- Assisted in all aspects of project development for major new trona mine in Wyoming
- Advised multiple oil & gas, mining, and industrial clients through Clean Air Act and

Education

- University of Utah (J.D., 2009)
 - Editor-In-Chief; Journal of Land Resources and Environmental Law, William H. Leary Scholar
- University of Utah (B.A., Political Science; B.A., Anthropology, 2002)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Idaho
- Utah
- Wyoming

- Clean Water Act permitting
- Advise electric generation co-op on Clean Air Act compliance and enforcement matters
- Advise renewable energy developer on NEPA and environmental permitting

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court of Utah
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Utah Bar Association - ENREL section
- Environmental Section Chair, Utah Energy and Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section, Utah State Bar

Clerkships

- Utah Supreme Court, Justice Jill N. Parrish, 2009–2010

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Natural Resources & Environment, Utah, 2019-2026
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*®, 2020-2021, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2017-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Environmental Law, 2023, 2026
- *Utah Legal Elite*, 2022-2023

Select Presentations

- Special Institute on Federal Administrative Practice in the Context of Project Development, *The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law* (April 2026)
- Economic Impact of Climate Policies, *Conservative Climate Summit* (October 2022)
- Can Green Stormwater Infrastructure Coexist in the Western Legal Landscape of Prior Appropriation Law? *World Environmental and Water Resources Congress* (May 2011)
- Condemnation of Conservation Easements *Land Trust Alliance National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA*, (September 2008)
- Condemnation of Conservation Easements *Land of Trust Alliance National Conference, Park City, UT*, (May 2008)
- In Perpetuity: The Future of Conservation Easements *Utah State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section Continuing Legal Education* (April 2008)

Insights

October 16, 2025

CARB Seeks Public Comment and Delays Rulemaking on California Climate Reporting Laws, While Statutory Deadlines Loom

April 11, 2024

Megan Houdeshel and Kayla Race Discuss Recent Climate Disclosure Laws and Regulations on the Ag Law in the Field Podcast

March 12, 2024

Get Ready For California's Three Sweeping New Climate Disclosure Laws

March 12, 2024

Megan Houdeshel and Kayla Race Contribute to Power Magazine Article on California's Sweeping New Climate Disclosure Laws

October 17, 2023

How California's Sweeping New Climate Laws May Impact Your Business

June 1, 2023

Utah 2023 Legal Elite

May 26, 2023

Supreme Court Limits the Clean Water Act's Reach

May 15, 2023

Dorsey Partner Megan Houdeshel Discusses the EPA's Proposed New Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards

December 12, 2022

Tribal Nations Summit Update

January 20, 2022

Six Interview Tips for First-Year Law Students

December 10, 2021

Megan Houdeshel Remarks on Supreme Court's Review of EPA Authority

December 10, 2021

Power Plants May Not Get Certainty in SCOTUS EPA Authority Case

November 5, 2021

U.S. EPA Proposes New Emissions Guidelines to Reduce Methane from the Oil and Gas Industry

November 2, 2021

Megan Houdeshel Comments on EPA's Authority Over GHG Emissions

January 19, 2021

Dorsey Partner Megan Houdeshel Comments on Reversing Clean Power Plan

