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Diana Prulhiere gets brought to the table when an oil and gas company is considering a transaction or wants to verify their title. At the center of a multi-specialty and geographically diverse team of lawyers, Diana cut her teeth in the Marcellus Shale energy boom, beginning her career by learning the industry at the foundational level of abstracting and drafting title opinions. Getting her hands dirty in the record rooms of Appalachian courthouses, Diana appreciates the puzzle pieces that must fit together in order to confirm ownership of mineral and leasehold assets. Diana understands that, within the framework of multi-million dollar transactions, incorrect and inaccurate title means real money and can lead to future litigation.

Hands on knowledge and familiarity with title enable Diana to advise clients on the value of assets prior to closing a transaction. Clients appreciate this expertise and often use it as a tool in their negotiations. In addition to performing due diligence and preparing division order title opinions, clients trust Diana to draft documents and review contracts that are needed during transactions and the everyday course of business.

Diana has been key to the firm's expansion and success in the mid-continent by transitioning to the Denver office in the spring of 2014. Diana is licensed in Colorado, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia and regularly assists clients in all forms of energy transactional, due diligence and title work throughout the Rockies and Appalachian Basin.

Diana's approach to clients is to help them achieve their business and legal goals in a way that makes the overall experience enjoyable. Known by her clients and colleagues as a hard worker and effective communicator, Diana is often sought out to manage projects and maintain communication with clients. Diana is the perfect combination detailed, meticulous, and personable.

Outside of her office, Diana enjoys being involved in her community. Diana is active in a multitude of energy organizations and has an affinity for groups that promote growth of young professionals, including the Young Energy Professionals Committee of the Institute for Energy Law, which she chairs for 2019.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Managed abstracting and title teams to assist clients with oil and gas development efforts in the Rockies and Appalachian Basin

Performed title examinations in Appalachian courthouses of surface, coal, oil, gas, and leasehold interests

Prepared stand up title opinions, original and supplemental drilling title opinions, and original and supplemental division order title opinions to verify clients' leasehold and mineral title ownership in the Rockies and Appalachian Basin

Advised oil and gas clients on title issues and curative actions and drafted related curative documents, including deeds, stipulations of interest, affidavits, probate filings, leases, lease amendments/modifications, assignments, etc.

Performed due diligence review of Seller and Purchaser documents for multimillion dollar acquisitions and divestitures of oil and gas assets

Assisted in the drafting of various contacts and agreements effectuating large energy transactions, including letters of intent, confidentiality agreements, purchase and sale agreements, operating agreements, surface use agreements, etc.

Managed document preparation and recording for a multimillion dollar energy transaction among oil and gas and coal companies

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
- 2009-2010 University of Pittsburgh Environmental Law Clinic
- 2007-2008 Summer Associate, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Adams County Unanimously Approves Temporary Moratorium on New Oil and Gas Permits
COGCC Issues Notice to Operators to Inspect Flowlines

Colorado Supreme Court Issues Opinion in COGCC v. Martinez

Energy Webcast - "Trending Title Topics from Around the Country"

Energy Webcast - New Developments Impacting the Oil and Gas Industry

Co-Presenter, "Lease and Title Issues in Colorado and Texas," Houston, TX, February 2019

Presenter, David R. Little & Diana Prulhiere, "Colorado Oil and Gas Update," Denver Association of Division Order Analysts Spring Seminar, Denver, CO May 2018

Presenter, David R. Little & Diana S. Prulhiere, "Firestone, Flowlines & More – What Operators Need to Know in Colorado," National Association of Division Order Analysts 44th Annual Institute, Bastrop, TX November 2017

Panelist, Benedict J. Kirchner, Diana S. Prulhiere & Matthew S. Schlensker, "Trending Title Topics from Around the Country," Institute for Energy Law 1st National Young Energy Professionals' Law Conference, New Orleans, LA 2017

Co-Author, Diana S. Prulhiere, David R. Little & Casey C. Breese, Colorado, 3 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 663 (2017)

Co-Chair and Moderator, "3rd Rockies Young Energy Professionals' General Counsel Forum," Institute for Energy Law, Denver, CO October 2017

Presenter, David R. Little & Diana S. Prulhiere, "New Developments Impacting the Oil & Gas Industry in Colorado," Denver Association of Division Order Analysts Meeting, Denver, CO September 2017

Presenter, David R. Little & Diana S. Prulhiere, "New Developments Impacting the Oil & Gas Industry in Colorado," Steptoe & Johnson PLLC National Energy Webcast, August 2017

Contributor, David R. Little, Diana S. Prulhiere & Ghislaine Torres Bruner, "COGCC Issues Notice to Operators to Inspect Flowlines," Steptoe & Johnson PLLC Energy Alert, May 2017

Presenter, Benedict J. Kirchner, Diana S. Prulhiere & Matthew S. Schlensker, "Trending Title Topics from Around the Country," Steptoe & Johnson PLLC National Energy Webcast, April 2017

Co-Author, Diana S. Prulhiere & David R. Little, Colorado, 2 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 139 (2016)

Chair and Moderator, "2nd Rockies Young Energy Professionals' General Counsel Forum," Institute for Energy Law, Denver, CO October 2016

Chair and Moderator, "1st Rockies Young Energy Professionals' General Counsel Forum," Institute for Energy Law, Denver, CO December 2015

Contributor, "Summary of Selected Principles of Oil and Gas Law: Colorado," Steptoe & Johnson PLLC (2015)

Co-Author, "Montana Oil and Gas Update," 2 Tex. A&M L. Rev. (Surv. on Oil & Gas) 157 (2015)

Co-Author, "Kentucky Oil and Gas Update," 1 Tex. A&M L. Rev. (Surv. on Oil & Gas) 91 (2014)

Author, "Kentucky Oil and Gas Update," 19 Tex. Wesleyan L. Rev. 347 (2013)

Author, "Kentucky Oil and Gas Update," 18 Tex. Wesleyan L. Rev. 499 (2012)

Co-Author, "The States' Legal Framework: Northeastern Region: The Regulation of Water Use and Handling in the Oil & Gas Industry in Appalachia," Rocky Mnt. Min. L. Inst. 3B (2011 Nov.)

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Chair, Young Energy Professionals' Committee, Institute for Energy Law 2019 (Vice Chair 2018)

Institute for Energy Law Young Energy Professionals' Rockies General Counsel Forum Chair, 2015-2016, Co-Chair 2017-2018

Institute for Energy Law Young Energy Professionals' Committee Member, 2011-2019, Membership Subcommittee Member and National Conference Subcommittee Member, 2017

Institute for Energy Law Young Energy Professionals' Appalachia General Counsel Forum Co-Chair, 2014-2015

Women's Energy Network Appalachia, Southern West Virginia Networking & Special Events Committee

Chair, 2013

Leadership Kanawha Valley, 2011

Articles Editor, Pittsburgh Journal of Environmental and Public Health Law

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Institute for Energy Law

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen

Denver Petroleum Club

Women's Energy Network (Colorado)

Rose Anom Center Young Professionals' Council