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Combining legal experience and a passion for nature, Julia Rhine focuses her practice on cases involving the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), the Endangered Species Act (“ESA”), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (“FLPMA”) and other matters subject to review under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”). Julia has advised clients on a range of natural resources matters involving private parties, governmental entities and Native American sovereigns.

Prior to joining the firm, Julia worked as a law clerk to the Hon. Richard P. Matsch and the Hon. John L. Kane of the U.S. District Court, District of Colorado.

Practices

Energy & Natural Resources, Environmental & Remediation

Representative Matters

- Won a major ruling in Adams County District Court on behalf of client, Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA) and the American Petroleum Institute (API). A Colorado District Court ruled that the City of Thornton illegally passed oil and gas regulations last year that conflicted with state and federal law. COGA and API jointly filed suit in October to overturn the regulations. Colorado District Court Judge Edward Moss relied on the 2016 state Supreme Court rulings which culminated in the Colorado Supreme Court’s ruling striking down Longmont’s ban and Fort Collin’s five-year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing as preempted by state oil and gas law. This was an impressive victory on behalf of COGA and its 90-plus member companies.

Community

Member, Wonderbound Board of Trustees and Development Committee

Attendance Mediation Workshops, Denver Public Schools

Education

- J.D., 2012, University of Michigan Law School
- B.A., 2008, with distinction, University of Colorado at Boulder

Admissions

- Colorado

Recognition

Co-founder and co-chair, The Michigan Energy Law Association

Founder and co-chair, National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition

Membership

Colorado Bar Association

Denver Bar Association