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Practice Areas

Litigation
Natural Resources, Water, Environmental
and Local Government Law
Real Estate Transactions and Litigation

Steve Jones has extensive experience handling a wide variety of environmental matters in both the litigation and transactional arenas. He has litigated cases under every major environmental statute, including CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, and acted as lead defense counsel in both citizen suits and environmental enforcement actions brought by state and federal agencies. Mr. Jones has extensive experience in obtaining state and federal permits for projects, acting on behalf of both public and private clients, as well as defending those permits once they have been obtained. He also has broad experience in insurance coverage issues, acting on behalf of insureds.

Prior to joining Ray, Quinney & Nebeker, Mr. Jones was a lead environmental litigator at Holland & Hart for six years. He was also a partner at Marten Law PLLC, a preeminent environmental law boutique, in Seattle, Washington for eleven years. Among his other work experience, he served a judicial clerkship in the Federal District Court for the District of Hawaii.

Mr. Jones earned his J.D. at Harvard Law School in 1989. Prior to that, he earned a master's degree in political philosophy at University College Cardiff, in Cardiff, Wales, U.K. He earned B.S. degrees in Political Science and Philosophy at Utah State in 1985.

Mr. Jones has been included on the list of The Best Lawyers in America© 2021 in Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation. He has been selected for inclusion in Mountain States Super Lawyers in the categories of Environmental and Environmental Litigation and has been voted by his peers throughout the state as one of Utah's "Legal Elite," as published in Utah Business Magazine (2020).

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1989



University College Cardiff, in Cardiff, Wales, U.K., M.A., Political Philosophy, 1987

Utah State University, B.S., Political Science and Philosophy, 1985

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Holland & Hart LLP, 2013-2019
 - Marten Law PLLC, 2002-2013
 - Foster Pepper PLLC, 1990-2002
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ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Utah State Bar
 - Washington State Bar
 - Oregon State Bar
 - Hawaii State Bar
 - Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
 - Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
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AFFILIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association, Environment, Energy and Resources Section
 - American Bar Association, Litigation Section
 - Utah State Bar, Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section
 - Former Chair, Washington State Bar's Environmental and Land Use Section
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PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITY

- Adjunct Professor, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America in Environmental Litigation since 2009; named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" for the State of Utah in Environmental Litigation in 2017
- Recognized in Utah Business Magazine as one of Utah's "Legal Elite" in Environmental Litigation since



2017

- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers, in Environmental Law since 2004
- Presenter at ABA Annual Environmental Conference, receiving award for best paper at the conference
- Former Editor, ABA Superfund and Natural Resources Litigation Newsletter

PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- Jones, S., (Panelist), Developing Dirty Dirt - Environmental Due Diligence in Utah for Financing, Acquisition and Development of Brownfield Properties [Webinar], Ray Quinney & Nebeker (Producer), March 3, 2021
- Author, Corps of Engineers to Streamline Section 408 Permitting Process (March 14, 2018)
- Presenter, "Developing a Defensible Permit Record in the Age of Citizen Suits" (October 2017)
- Presenter, "Environmental and Transactional Risk Insurance: What Lies Ahead?" (July 2017)
- Author, The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same (March 21, 2017)
- Presenter, "Strategic Planning and Public Outreach on Large-Scale Infrastructure Projects," (March 2017)
- Author, Ninth Circuit Holds that Dispersing Contaminants Into the Air Does Not Constitute 'Disposal' Under CERCLA (September 22, 2016)
- Presenter, "Public Outreach in Pre-Permitting Stages of a Transmission Project" (January 2016)
- Author, USFWS Lists Gunnison Sage-Grouse as "Threatened Species" Under ESA (December 11, 2014)
- Presenter, "Response to Catastrophic Environmental Events," Wallace Stegner Center Conference (2014)
- Presenter, "Redefining Waters of the U.S.," International Minerals Association - North America Annual Meeting (2014)