

Andrew C. Lillie

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Biography

Andy Lillie helps clients solve their trickiest legal problems so they can focus on their business objectives. An accomplished trial lawyer and dispute resolution authority, Andy fervently advocates for his clients as their trusted advisor: he's astute, insightful, attentive, and pragmatic. He has one goal – to lift his client's burden.

Andy is a litigator and regulatory lawyer and leads the firm's Denver Litigation group and co-leads the firm's Energy Disputes group. He handles myriad disputes, often for energy and natural resources businesses with commercial and environmental litigation, regulation, and compliance matters. He counsels clients on dispute prevention and resolution, permitting, cybersecurity, and best business practices.

In the natural resources world, Andy works in the electricity generation, oil and gas, gold and hard-rock mining, wind, solar, and utilities sectors. He handles issues involving toxic torts, land use, air quality, water quality, hazardous waste, and climate change.

Andy advises and defends non-natural resources clients (e.g., real estate developers, governmental agencies, restaurant businesses, sustainability initiatives, land conservation entities, and ski areas) on business and commercial problems and environmental and health issues.

He regularly handles controversies involving public health, local control over resources, eminent domain,



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Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Business Integrity

Commercial Litigation

Energy Disputes

Energy Regulatory

Environment and Natural Resources

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Litigation Services

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Real Estate

Business and Human Rights

public and private land use, real estate, public contracting, resources project development, permitting, and policy formation.

Andy also advises on cybersecurity threat and response, Internet+ (Internet of Things) problem solving, and business integrity, human rights, and sustainability concerns.

Andy serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General for Colorado, and has served as a U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division intern, and a law clerk for Chief Judge Lewis T. Babcock of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

Representative experience

Successfully argued BLM lease-prioritization matter in federal court for Peabody Energy, freeing up over US\$1bn of coal for extraction.

Won jury trial for AngloGold Ashanti in contract dispute over ownership of gold mine worth approximately US\$100m.

Favorably settled toxic-tort lawsuit against Antero Resources in one of the nation's first oil-and-gas hydrofracturing cases.

Favorably settled multimillion-dollar contract-bidding suit against College Assist.

Won wind-project ESA and NEPA lawsuit in California worth approximately US\$500m.

Defended Xcel Energy's Comanche III power plant permit in state trial, appellate, and supreme courts.

Defended PacifiCorp's Jim Bridger power plant against alleged Clean Air Act opacity violations.

Favorably settled Colorado State Land Board contract dispute over US\$100m water-provision issue.

Favorably settled RCRA citizen-suit against NV Energy's Reid Gardner power plant.

Favorably settled federal contract lawsuit over rights to use midstream oil-and-gas pipeline.

Industries

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Real Estate

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Administrative Procedure Act

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Business Integrity and Sustainable Development

Clean Air

Clean Water Act

IERP Dispute Resolution

E-discovery and Information Management

Environmental Litigation

Land Use and Project Development

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Permit Negotiations and Appeals

Planning, Zoning, and Land Use

Power: Renewable Power

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Site Remediation

Waste - RCRA - Resource

Advises on the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and other federal statutes.

Obtained summary judgment in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i on behalf of tenants of low-income housing project located in Maui, preserving housing until 2051.

Awards and rankings

- Regulatory Law - United States, *Lawyer Monthly Legal Award*, 2020
- Commercial Litigation, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2021-2022
- Environmental Litigation, *Rising Stars, Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2013

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - TSA releases new security directives regarding cybersecurity requirements for the rail industry
- Published Works
 - The United States Mining Laws *Springer Link – Encyclopedia of Mineral and Energy Policy*
- News
 - Staying Ahead of the Hack: New Cybersecurity Requirements on the Horizon for Trains and Planes
- News
 - CISA issues autonomous ground vehicle cybersecurity guide
- News
 - TSA issues second cybersecurity directive for pipeline companies
- Webinar
 - Knowing your case inside out: How to make litigating easier through case mapping

Conservation and Recovery Act
Water

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Order of St. Ives, 2002

M.A. Science Journalism, University of Colorado, 2002

B.G.S., University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, 1994

B.S., University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment, with distinction, 1994

Memberships

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Colorado Bar Association

Member, Downtown Denver Leadership Program

Vice Chair, American Bar Association Energy and Natural Resources Litigation Committee

Member, World Association of Mining Lawyers

Member, Faculty of Federal Advocates CLE Committee

Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

Michigan

North Dakota

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of
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U.S. District Court, Western District
of Michigan
