



## Jim B. Butler

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### Biography

Jim Butler is a shareholder in Parsons Behle & Latimer's Environmental, Energy & Natural Resources practice group and practices in the natural resources and environmental areas.

Before joining Parsons Behle & Latimer, he worked for the Utah State Energy Office, the Utah State Planning Coordinator's Office, and, from 1981 to 1985, he served as a senior policy assistant to Utah Governor Scott M. Matheson for natural resources. Mr. Butler also served as a clerk to Judge Stephen H. Anderson of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit from September 1987 to October 1988.

In law school, Mr. Butler received an Edward Clyde Fellowship and a Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship and was elected to Order of the Coif. He also served as editor-in-chief for the *Utah Law Review*.

### Experience

#### **Defended Mining Project Approval From Appeal**

Intervened on behalf of mining business to assist in the defense of the Bureau of Land Management's approval of a mining project after an appeal and subsequent environmental analysis.

#### **Permitting, Development and Environmental Impact Statement**

Representing a large copper mining company in permitting and development of a producing mine, including an Environmental Impact statement and federal land exchange.

#### **Permitting Challenge in Federal District Court**

Provided legal advice related to federal and state permitting of the Mount Hope Project owned by Eureka Moly. Represented Eureka Moly in appeals in Federal District Court challenging federal approval.

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### Capabilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

Mining

NEPA

Project Permitting & Compliance

### Licensed/Admitted

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Utah

Utah

Nevada

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## Accomplishments

### Professional

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Mining Law, since 2008

Recognized in *Chambers USA* in Environment (2009 - 2025) and Natural Resources & Environment (2021 - 2025)

Recognized in Utah Business Magazine's 2023 Legal Elite

*Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™* rating

### Academic

University of Utah College of Law (J.D., 1987)

University of Utah (B.A., 1977)

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*

## Associations

### Professional

Utah State Bar Association,  
Futures Commission  
(1992 - 1993)

Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section,  
Public Lands Committee  
Chairman  
(1994)

American Bar Association,  
Environment, Energy and Resources Section,  
Public Lands Committee  
Chairman  
(2010)  
Litigation Section  
Member

Scott M. Matheson Leadership Forum  
Board of Directors

## Articles

Mining Law Alert: D.C. Circuit Upholds Longstanding Millsite Claim Rule in Victory for Mining Companies (July 1, 2024)

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