

Connie Rogers has been counseling clients in the mining, energy and infrastructure industries for more than 25 years. With extensive experience in environmental, public lands, Federal Indian law and international indigenous peoples issues, Ms. Rogers advises clients from project plan through implementation to minimize delay and risk in obtaining authorizations for projects located primarily on public and Tribal lands.



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Senior Of Counsel | Salt Lake City

Biography

Connie Rogers advises companies in project development, litigation and transactions, primarily on federal public lands and Tribal lands, with particular emphasis on compliance with federal land management statutes, the National Environmental Policy Act, species protection statutes, federal Indian law and cultural resource and religious freedom laws and concerns.

Ms. Rogers' clients include companies, local governments, non-profits and educational institutions in developing and implementing major infrastructure (water, wastewater, transmission), mining, energy (conventional and renewable) projects.

Prior to joining Parsons Behle & Latimer, and after practicing as a partner in a large Rocky Mountain regional law firm, Ms. Rogers founded and ran her own law firm for six years. Ms. Rogers also served as Deputy Solicitor for Energy and Mineral Resources at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where she was the lead Interior lawyer on all manner of issues relating to the development of renewable and conventional energy and mineral resources on Interior-managed lands.

Ms. Rogers' project development experience includes renewable and conventional energy, and mineral and infrastructure projects on public and Indian lands; environmental and cultural resources compliance in federal permitting; financing, due diligence, land acquisition and leasing for wind, solar, transmission and biomass projects; special use authorizations for educational and research facilities on federal lands; work with stakeholder groups; and defense of legal challenges to project approvals.

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Capabilities

Energy & Utilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation &
Administrative Appeals

Mining

Public Lands

Licensed/Admitted

Colorado

New Mexico

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

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Ms. Rogers is active with the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (formerly Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation), the American Exploration and Mining Association, the National Mining Association and the Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association. She is former chairperson of the Public Lands Committee as well as a former co-chairperson of the Native American Resources Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Energy and Resources.

Accomplishments

Professional

- The Best Lawyers in America - Native American Law, including 2x Lawyer of the Year, Native American Law, Denver
- Who's Who Legal: Mining
- Denver Business Journal: Top Women in Energy
- 5280 Magazine as a Top Lawyer
- Chambers & Partners USA, Natural Resources & Environment

Academic

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2000, magna cum laude

- Order of the Coif
- Olin Fellow in Law and Economics

William Jewell College, B.A., 1981

Associations

Professional

- Colorado State Bar
- The State Bar of New Mexico
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (formerly the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation): former Treasurer; former Board of Directors; 66th Annual Institute (2020) Program Chair; 67th Annual Institute (2021) Program Chair; former Trustee
- American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Energy and Resources: former chair of the Native American Resources Committee and the Public Lands Committee
- American Exploration and Mining Association: former Board of Trustees, Co-chair, Native American Relations Committee

Articles

Author, "Balancing Transparency, Confidentiality, Deliberation and Sound Science in Public Land Decision-Making," RMMLF Annual Institute, Vail, Colorado, 2014

Author, "Programmatic Agreements, MOUs, MOAs and Other Agency Agreements and Plans: Distinguishing a Nothingburger from a Nightmare," RMMLF Annual Institute, Newport Beach, California, 2012

Author, "Under Extraordinary Circumstances: NEPA Practice Post-Deepwater Horizon," Natural Resources and the Environment, American Bar Association, Fall 2011

Author, “Digging In: An In-depth Look at the Archaeological and Paleontological Resource Protection Acts,” RMMLF Annual Institute, Banff, British Columbia, 2010

Co-Author (with Peter Hack), “Access to Indian Lands,” Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation Special Institute on Access for Energy Development, 2008.

Presentations

Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (formerly the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation) Special Institute on Human Rights and the Extractive Industries, April 2024, Coral Gables, Florida

- Co-Chair and author/moderator for panel on Indigenous Issues

Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law Special Institute on Indian Law and Natural Resources, Phoenix, Arizona, November 2023

- Co-Chair and presenter on tribal jurisdiction

Co-Chair, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF) Special Institute on Indian Law and Natural Resources: The Basics and Beyond, Westminster, Colorado, 2017

Co-Chair, RMMLF Special Institute on Human Rights and the Extractive Industries, February 2016, Panama City, Panama

Presenter, “National Historic Preservation Act Basics,” CLE International, 2014 and 2015

Co-Chair, RMMLF Special Institute on Natural Resources Development in Indian Country, November 2014, Tucson, Arizona