

Betsy Story specializes in all aspects of water law, including water rights adjudication, permitting, and water and ditch distribution litigation. She also serves clients facing general land use and real property issues, including buy-sell due diligence, access easement and encroachment disputes and public lands issues.



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Biography

Prior to joining Parsons Behle & Latimer, Betsy Story worked as an associate attorney at Bloomquist Law Firm, P.C. for three-and-a-half years, serving clients across the state of Montana in Water Court, State District Court and Federal Court. Ms. Story received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Montana School of Law in 2019. During her time as a law student, Ms. Story served as president of the Federalist Society Student Chapter and was the recipient of the Dean of Students Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Land Use & the Environment.

While in law school, Ms. Story served as a law fellow for U.S. Senator Steve Daines, where she gained experience working on federal lands litigation reform and legislation. She also worked on several pre-indictment cases as well as a successful appeal brief to the 9th Circuit Court while a summer law clerk at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Ms. Story holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science with minors in Russian and Arabic Studies. She often returns home to Emigrant, Montana, to help on her family's cattle ranch and enjoys rafting, long distance running and skate skiing, and mountain lion hunting.

Accomplishments

Academic

University of Montana School of Law, J.D., 2019

University of Montana, Missoula, B.A., high honors, 2016

Major: Political Science

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Capabilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation &
Administrative Appeals

Mining

Public Lands

Real Estate Litigation

Water Rights, Quality & Infrastructure

Licensed/Admitted

Montana

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Montana

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

Associations

Professional

First Judicial District Bar Association

State Bar of Montana, Water Law Section

Water Law Section Council, Member at Large (current)

Community

Helena City Zoning Commission, Member (current)

Presentations

“Understanding Montana’s Surface Water and Groundwater Rights,” HalfMoon Seminars, Jan. 24, 2024

“Environmental Considerations: “Navigable” Waters, Related Permitting, and the NHPA,” 8th Annual Ranches, Farms & Agribusiness CLE, 2023

“Understanding Water Storage,” 23rd Annual Montana Water Law CLE, Oct. 17 and 18, 2023

“Environmental Considerations: NHPA, WOTUS, 310 Permitting; Stream Access and Navigable Waters,” Ranches, Farms and Agribusiness in Montana and Beyond Conference, Sept. 13 and 14, 2023

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