

mining and natural resources

The exploration, extraction and processing of coal and other natural resources not only is a vital industry in itself, it also fuels several other industries that power the U.S. economy. Over the years, companies in this industry have faced significant changes to the way they operate, including consolidation, price fluctuations and operational efficiency. Environmental concerns and an increasingly stringent regulatory environment continue to place new pressures on mining and oil and gas companies.

Our long history of service to companies in the mining and natural resources industry began in 1929, when our firm founders entered an appearance as counsel for the plaintiff in *Shell Pipeline Corp. v. Whitmore*. Our representation of the industry continues today, and now we serve clients in a variety of sectors, including oil and gas, coal and minerals. Our decades of experience ensure that we understand the important issues that affect our clients.

Throughout our firm's representation of the industry, we have handled significant cases relating to contract disputes, royalty disputes, price reopening, property damage, subsidence and environmental contamination. We also have assisted our clients in matters involving mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, financing, exploration agreements, environmental permitting, compliance, land use issues, royalty and refining agreements, and complex joint operating agreements.



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