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Dan Jensen has been practicing **natural resources law** for over 35 years. His practice encompasses mining, water, oil and gas, public land and administrative law. Mr. Jensen focuses on transactional work involving mineral interests, water rights and public lands, acquisitions and transfers of mineral land and water rights, title and due diligence reviews, land use entitlements, and development agreements, concerning properties throughout the western United States. Mr. Jensen also handles related litigation, including disputes concerning property titles and boundaries, access rights, mining claims, water right ownership and modifications, regulatory compliance, and proceedings before the federal Interior Board of Land Appeals, the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the Utah Division of Water Rights.

Mr. Jensen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Utah and spent three years as a mining engineer for Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas and Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Jensen has served as Chair of the Utah State Bar's Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section as well as Chair of the Water Law Committee and Chair of the Mining Law Committee within that section. In 2005, he was named as the section's "Lawyer of the Year."

Mr. Jensen is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts of Utah and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has served as a Trustee and as a member of the Executive Committee for the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (formerly known as the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation) and served as a judge pro tempore in the Third Judicial District Court for Salt Lake County (small claims, 1991-2005). Mr. Jensen has been an adjunct professor of Natural Resources Law and Mining Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, and is presently an adjunct professor of Mining Law at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah.

Mr. Jensen was recognized in the 2010-2024 editions of *Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the

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PRACTICE AREAS

Natural Resources Law

Mining Law

Water Law

Real Estate Attorneys

Real Estate Development and Finance

EDUCATION



1988, J.D., University of Utah, Order of the Coif, Note and Development Editor, Utah Law Review



1982, B.S. Mining Engineering, University of Utah

BAR ADMISSIONS

▶ 1988, Utah

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

▶ Utah State Bar, Co-Chair, Admissions Committee (2014-2021), Member, Character and Fitness Committee (2008-present), Chair, Water Law Committee (2003-2005), Chair, Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section (2001-2002), Chair, Mining Law Committee (1996-1998), Chair, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (1997-1998)

▶ Utah Mining Association

▶ Nevada Mining Association

▶ American Exploration & Mining Association

▶ The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (formerly Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation)

▶ American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers

▶ American Association of Professional Landmen

▶ Utah Association of Professional Landmen

▶ Nevada Landmen's Association

area of Energy and Natural Resources. He was also called out by *Chambers USA* a fourth time for Mining Law as a “consummate professional [who] delivers high-quality work” as well as “... the godfather of mining law. He is someone that is always on top of a quick response and always comes back with incredibly well-researched work product. There is no one else I would trust with mining land law matters before him. He consistently goes above and beyond.” Mr. Jensen has been included in the 2006-2024 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Energy Law, Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Mining Law, Natural Resources Law, and Water Law. He was named the Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” in Utah for Mining Law (2014 and 2018), Water Law (2015 and 2019), Energy Law (2017), and Natural Resources Law (2020). He has been repeatedly listed in editions of *Utah Business* magazine as one of Utah’s Legal Elite in the area of energy and natural resources and was named one of Utah’s top 100 lawyers in 2004. He was also listed in the 2007-2020 editions of *Mountain States Super Lawyers*. Mr. Jensen has the highest Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV (5.0/5.0).

Publications and Speaking Engagements:

- ▶ "Thou Shalt Not Impair," 28th Annual Water Law & Policy Seminar
March 2018
- ▶ "Access Rights to Mineral Properties," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Mining Law Short Course (Domestic and International Issues)
November 2014 and May 2010
- ▶ "Access to Mineral Properties," American Association of Professional Landmen Mining and Land Resource Institute
March 2011
- ▶ Split Estate Lands and Development Issues
October 2013
- ▶ "Access to Mineral Properties," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation,
May 2009
- ▶ "Forfeiture of Water Rights," Utah State Bar
March 2008
- ▶ Conveyance of Mineral Interests and the Duhig Rule
Nevada Landmen's Association, March 2007
- ▶ "Water Strategist Monthly Report on Western Water Markets," Water Strategist, July 2005
- ▶ US Mining Industry Outlook Brighter," Prospecting and Mining Journal
June 2004
- ▶ Interview, "Utah Farmers Are Told To Use Water Or Lose It,"
Deseret Morning News, May 27, 2004.
- ▶ Interview, "A Commodity Most Precious,"
Beef Magazine, March 2004



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