

# Snell & Wilmer

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## Main Bio

John Andrews has over 30 years of practice experience in public lands, real estate, mineral, environmental and Native American law issues. Before joining Snell & Wilmer in 2018, he was chief legal counsel for Utah's state land management agency, where he provided legal representation for a 3.4 million acre land portfolio in areas as diverse as renewable energy leasing, federal land exchanges, real estate entitlement and development, mineral leasing and royalty matters, eminent domain, environmental regulation, federal public lands, NEPA, and negotiations with Indian tribes. His current practice also includes state government legislative, legal and regulatory matters.

## Education

- University of Utah College of Law (J.D., 1986)
  - Associate Editor, Journal of Energy Law & Policy (1983-1985)
- Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia (Exchange Student in Law, 1985)
  - Thesis Topic: "Commonwealth Natural Resources & Environmental Legislation and the Australian Constitution"
- Colby College (B.A., Economics and History, 1981)

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- U.S. Department of the Interior, Royalty Policy Committee (2017-2019)
- Western States Land Commissioners Association, Legal Committee Chair (2012-2016)
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee-at-Large (2007-2009, 2017-2019)
- Utah State Bar
  - Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law (ENREL)
    - Section Lawyer of the Year (1998)
    - Section Chair (2002-2003)
    - Officer/Committee Chair (1997-2003)

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "State Trust Lands: Emerging Goals and Constraints," Author, Proceedings of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute (2019)

- "[Voter Initiatives to Limit Mineral Development in Western States Fail](#)," Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Law Blog (November 9, 2018)
- "[New BLM planning process for managing sage grouse may offer relief to Utah energy producers](#)," Author, The Enterprise (June 4, 2018)
- "[Spending Bill Includes Unique Path To Conservation Goals](#)," Author, Law360 (April 18, 2018)
- "Federal Land Exchanges and Land Sale Legislation – New Developments," American Association of Professional Landmen, Mining and Land Resources Institute (2018)
- "[Reauthorization of Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Offers Opportunities for Federal Land Users, Conservation](#)," Author, S&W Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Law Blog (April 11, 2018)
- "Swapping with the Feds: An Updated Look at Federal Land Exchanges," Author, Proceedings of the 51st Annual Rocky Mtn. Mineral Law Institute (2005)
- "Special Institute on Severed Minerals, Split Estates, Rights of Access and Surface Use in Mineral Extraction Operations," Presenter, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (2005)
- "Wilderness and Roadless Issues," Presenter, ABA Section on Energy, Environmental and Resources (SEER) Annual Fall Meeting (2004)
- "Urban Sprawl, Resource Conflicts and Economic Development: A Case Study in Reconciling Conflict," Panelist, ABA SEER Conference on Resources Law – 21st Century Challenges of Access to Public Lands & Resources (2001)
- "State Trust Lands – Reconciling the Public Interest in Environmental Protection with Trust Management Principles," Presenter, Proceedings of the 44th Annual Rocky Mtn. Mineral Law Institute (1998)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Natural Resources Law (2020)
- Utah Legal Elite, Government Lawyers, Utah Business Magazine (2018)
- Utah Legal Elite, Energy and Natural Resources, Utah Business Magazine (2017)
- Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award, Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers (Utah PTA) (1998)

## Community Involvement

- Utah Museum of Natural History
  - Board of Advisors (2019 – present)
  - Associates Board (2001-2007)
  - Executive Committee Officer (2004-2006)
- Vision Dixie
  - Executive Committee/Steering Committee (2006-2008)

## Other Professional Experience

- State of Utah, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, Salt Lake City, Utah

- Chief Legal Counsel (1995-2018)
- Associate Director (2004-2018)
- Utah Attorney General's Office, Assistant Attorney General (1994-1995)
- Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy (1986-1993)
- Utah Supreme Court, Intern to Justice Christine Durham (1984)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Utah

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Utah
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit