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EXPERTISE

Banking & Lending, Business Formation, Coal Industry, Corporate Governance, Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Mining, Private Equity & Venture Capital, and Public Companies

EDUCATION

University of Michigan School of Law, J.D., 1977
University of Illinois, B.A., 1974

ADMITTED IN

Colorado

Deborah Friedman's practice focuses on securities, corporate finance, corporate governance, and domestic and international mergers and acquisitions matters for publicly traded and privately held companies, primarily in the mining and oil and gas industries. She currently serves as U.S. securities counsel for several public mining companies. She is experienced in U.S. and international public equity and debt offerings, private placements, and public and private merger and acquisition transactions. Her practice also includes counseling clients on securities compliance, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Dodd-Frank, Sarbanes-Oxley, and other corporate governance and compliance matters.

Ms. Friedman has represented major, mid-tier, and junior mining companies in finance, acquisition, disposition, and other transactions and matters in South and Central America (including Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, and Panama), the Pacific Rim (including Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Singapore), and Africa (including South Africa and Ghana). She has acted as counsel to both sellers and buyers in public and private company transactions and to participants in complex joint ventures and strategic alliances. She has handled commercial, export credit, and project financing transactions within and outside the U.S. She also has experience in large and small mine construction and development.

Ms. Friedman served as the head of the Corporate Department and on the firm's Executive Committee for a

number of years. She has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] (Corporate Law and International Trade and Finance Law) and has been repeatedly featured in *Colorado Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters and the *International Who's Who of Mining Lawyers* by Law Business Research Ltd.

Prior to joining DGS in 1999, Ms. Friedman served in various positions in the law departments of Cyprus Amax Minerals Company and AMAX Gold Inc. for 16 years. She was general counsel and associate general counsel of Cyprus Amax and general counsel of AMAX Gold. She has also served as general counsel of Apex Silver Mines Limited and Golden Minerals Company.