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EXPERTISE

Public Lands Law, Water Law, Renewable & Alternative Energy, Environmental Law, Oil & Gas

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2014
Duke University, M.E.M., 2011
Colorado College, B.A., 2009

ADMITTED IN

Colorado, New Mexico

Courtney Shephard is an associate in the Natural Resources Department of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, where her practice encompasses public lands, energy, and water resources. Ms. Shephard advises energy clients operating on federal lands on a variety of matters, including leasing, royalty appeals, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. Ms. Shephard also works with clients seeking to acquire, develop, and protect water supplies and water-related infrastructure in Colorado. She regularly represents clients in Colorado water court proceedings and in administrative appeals within the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, as well as before the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

Ms. Shephard received her J.D. from the University of Colorado in 2014 and her Master of Environmental Management, with an emphasis in environmental economics and policy, from Duke University in 2011. She served as editor-in-chief of Volume 85 of the *Colorado Law Review* and as an executive editor for the *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum*. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Political Economy from Colorado College.

Ms. Shephard was a Schlessman Executive in Residence at Colorado College for the 2018-2019 academic year and co-taught interdisciplinary climate change economics and policy courses as a visiting instructor. She has also guest lectured on Colorado water law and policy.

Ms. Shephard is active in a number of organizations that relate to her practice area. She is a member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF), where she currently serves on the Programs Committee. Ms. Shephard is also a member of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy, and E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs).

Recently, Ms. Shephard was named among the “Ones to Watch” in the area of Energy Law by *Best Lawyers*, an annual guide by publisher Woodward/White Inc.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Appropriations Act Energizes Wind and Solar Development Through Tax Credit Extensions and Incentives to Develop on Public Lands,” *DGS Renewable & Alternative Energy Newsletter* (January 21, 2020)
- “The New NEPA Regulations: Long Overdue Update or Radical Sea Change,” RMMLF Webinar (September 18, 2020)
- “U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Publishes Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Regulations Defining Scope of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, DGS Legal Alert (June 8, 2020) (with Katie Schroder)
- “BLM Releases Interim Guidance for Relief on Federal Oil & Gas Leases in Distressed Times,” DGS Legal Alert (April 23, 2020) (with Katie Schroder)

- “The Council on Environmental Quality Proposes to Revise Its Rules Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act,” Energy Law Advisor (2020) (with Katie Schroder)
- “NEPA at 50 – Time for a Refresh?” DGS Seminar (January 2020) (with Katie Schroder)
- “It’s Getting Hot in Here: BLM’s Evolving Obligations to Assess Greenhouse Gas Emissions Under NEPA,” Colorado Bar Association NREL CLE (2019) (co-presented with Katie Schroder)
- “Endangered Species Act,” EUCI Course (July 2019) (co-presented with Katie Schroder)