



## **Jeff Welborn**

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### **Overview**

**Jeff Welborn applies more than 50 years' experience in oil & gas and mining, both in the U.S. and globally, serving as a mediator/facilitator in disputes and transactions that involve oil & gas, mining, and other natural resource matters.**

His experience includes natural resources regulatory work, negotiating and drafting mining and oil & gas development agreements, financing arrangements, and conveyance documents and working with geoscientists and senior managers in dealing with the non-technical risks that natural resource projects face globally.

### **Experience & Results**

#### **Legal Experience**

- Served as mediator or arbitrator (post-2007) in numerous disputes primarily involving oil and gas, mining, and other natural resource matters
- Litigation including trial and pretrial experience in civil, commercial disputes – primarily oil & gas, mining, and other natural resource matters
- Mineral title examination, transactional work, and deal negotiation for domestic and international oil & gas and mining clients
- Federal and state regulatory and permitting proceedings involving natural resource and environmental matters
- Corporate, royalty, tax, and accounting matters in mineral exploration, oil and gas, mining

#### **Adjudicatory & Government Experience**

- Commissioner/Chairman, Colorado Oil and Gas Commission (1982–1992)
- Chief Facilitator for COGCC Rulemaking to Implement HB1298 and HB1341 (2008)
- Mediator/arbitrator: oil & gas, mining, natural resource disputes (2007–present)
- Municipal Judge: Cherry Hills Village, Colorado (2013–present)
- Councilmember/Mayor: Cherry Hills Village, Colorado (1983–1985, 1988–2002)

## **Practice Areas**

- Mediation Services
- Oil & Gas Conservation Commission and Regulatory
- Mining

## **Honors & Insights**

- Co-Author: [Chapter 9, Split Estates and Surface Access Issues, Landman's Legal Handbook](#) (Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn., 5th ed. 2013)

## **Education**

- J.D., University of Colorado at Boulder, 1972
- University of Michigan Law School (1969–1970)
- B.A., Dartmouth College, 1968

## **Bar Admissions**

- Colorado, 1972

## **Professional & Community Involvement**

- Denver Bar Association (1972–present)
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- Principal, Western Mining Services LLC (Denver/Perth) -- mineral industry consultants with focus on global mineral exploration management and training