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Related Practices

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources

Cultural and Historic Resources

Energy

Environment

Mining

Public Lands

Renewable Energy

Utilities and Infrastructure

Wastes / Contaminated Properties

Water Rights and Water Quality

Native American Law

Energy and Resources

Related Industries

Energy

Mining

OVERVIEW

Christina Sheehan is a Shareholder in the Natural Resources Department. Her practice includes mining, water, energy, natural resources, and Native American law. She has mining law experience specifically involving environmental and regulatory permitting issues. Christina has experience representing clients in general stream adjudications, Indian reserved water rights settlements, and hearings before the Office of the State Engineer. Additionally, she has expertise in the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act and the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Christina practices in all New Mexico courts and has first chair experience in administrative hearings. Christina has been selected as a Southwest Rising Star by *Southwest Super Lawyers*® since 2015.

Christina is a member of the State Bar of New Mexico, the New Mexico Young Lawyers Division and the New Mexico Bar Association Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section. On a national level, she is a member of the American Bar Association. Christina has provided pro bono legal services through the Volunteer Attorney Program sponsored by the Second Judicial District Court.

Christina attended Vassar College and received her undergraduate degree in History and Political Science with a minor in Italian Language in 2005. She received her law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2009 where she graduated *cum laude*.

Christina is a native New Mexican and a member of the Albuquerque Academy class of 2001. In her free time she enjoys running and rock climbing. Christina is a sponsored marathon runner who has competed in eleven marathons including Athens, Rome, Boston and Philadelphia.

Education

University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D., 2009, *cum laude*; Recipient of the Michael Browde award for Excellence in Constitutional Law, 2009

Vassar College, B.A. in History and Political Science, 2005

Bar Admissions

New Mexico

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico



ACTIVITIES

Professional Activities

- State Bar of New Mexico, Young Lawyers Division
- American Bar Association
- National Association of Professional Women
- Volunteer Attorney, Second Judicial District Volunteer Attorney Pool

Community Activities

- President, Albuquerque Academy Alumni Council
- Board Member, Albuquerque Academy Board of Trustees, 2013-2015 and 2018-present
- Director, First Responders 5K
- Director, Globalreliefnow.org

NEWS & ARTICLES

News

Super Lawyers® Names 31 Modrall Sperling Attorneys to 2019 List; Four Named Top 25 New Mexico Super Lawyers

Posted on April 15, 2019 By Daniel Schueler

Super Lawyers Names 32 Modrall Sperling Attorneys to 2018 List; Four Named Top 25 New Mexico Super Lawyers

Posted on April 23, 2018 By Alexandra Schexnayder

Modrall Sperling Supports First Responders 5k

Posted on December 5, 2017 By Alexandra Schexnayder

Articles

Trumping the National Monument Designations of Past Presidents

July 6, 2017

By Christina C. Sheehan

Executive Order on Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act

May 24, 2017

By Christina C. Sheehan

The Demise of Deference? Chevron's and Auer's Uncertain Future

May 5, 2017

By Christina C. Sheehan

EPA Publishes Final Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule

January 25, 2017

By Christina C. Sheehan

Mining and Public Land Law Update

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation,
62nd Annual Institute, July 2016



By [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

New Mexico Mining Commission Narrowly Expands Minimal Impact Permitting Opportunities for Certain Mining Operations

June 21, 2016

By [Stuart R. Butzier](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Adopts New Produced Water Regulations

April 21, 2015

By [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

Commission Adopts Legislatively Mandated Copper Mine Regulation; NGO Group and NM Attorney General Appeal

Mineral Law Newsletter,

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and New Mexico Mining Association Newsletter, October 7, 2013

By [Stuart R. Butzier](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

French Court Allows Auction of Sacred Hopi Artifacts to Proceed

July 15, 2013

By [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

Water and Renewable Energy Generation in the Western United States: An Overview of Current Challenges and Opportunities

September 5, 2012

By [Maria O'Brien](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

New Mexico Section for the Open Government Guide

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press,

June 7, 2011

By [Marjorie A. Rogers](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)

DISCOURSE

Presentations

- Introduction to The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Lautenberg Act, *Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management*, New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 10, 2018, [Susan Miller Bisong](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)
- The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), *Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management*, New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 13, 2017, [Susan Miller Bisong](#) and [Christina C. Sheehan](#)
- Water Quality Regulatory and Statutory Update, *New Mexico Water Law: The History and Future of Our Water Resources*, Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 12, 2017
- Annual Mining and Public Land Update, *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 62nd Annual Institute*, Lake Tahoe, California, July 2016, paper published by RMMLF December 2016.
- What You Need To Know About Public Records and Open Meetings in New Mexico, *Lorman Seminars*, March 2013, [Christina C. Sheehan](#) and [Jennifer A. Clements](#)
- [Water and Renewable Energy Generation in the Western United States: An Overview of Current Challenges and Opportunities](#), *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute on the*



Water-Energy Nexus, Denver, Colorado, September 14, 2012, Christina C. Sheehan and **Maria O'Brien**

HONORS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, selected as a Southwest Rising Star, 2015-present