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Professional

Profile

Catherine Laughner is a shareholder at Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven P.C. whose practice concentrates on regulatory investigations, oil and gas matters, toxic tort and environmental litigation, enforcement proceedings, white-collar criminal defense and grand jury investigations. Catherine Laughner is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. She is also rated one of Montana's top Environmental & Natural Resources attorneys according to Chambers USA 2010.

Ms. Laughner's practice also includes representing clients in diverse complex litigation, including toxic tort and other environmental litigation. Ms. Laughner has substantial experience in the areas of superfund, environmental permitting and compliance, environmental and natural resources litigation, oil & gas energy law, administrative proceedings, regulatory/ administrative compliance and white-collar criminal defense.

Ms. Laughner takes a hands-on approach to her work, spending much time out in the field with clients visiting the plants and sites where litigation arises. This familiarity with her clients' business operations ensures delivery of solutions that meet her clients' long-term business goals as well as their immediate needs.

Before joining Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry, and Hoven, P.C. in 1990, Ms. Laughner worked in environmental affairs for Chevron and as an analytical chemist for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Ms. Laughner skied for the University of Utah Ski team and received her B.S. in Chemistry there (1979). While working for Chevron in Houston and Oklahoma City, she attended the University of Houston Law Center and received her J. D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law (1989).

Professional Experience

Ms. Laughner is known for her defense of corporations, officers and employees and other individuals in matters involving allegations of wrongdoing, noncompliance and fraud. In that regard, she has represented executives in federal prosecutions charging violations of fraud and conspiracy. She has successfully defended clients in healthcare fraud, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the U.S. Dept. of Justice. She regularly advises companies and individuals on corporate and regulatory compliance issues and has conducted internal investigations for corporations.

- Regulatory Investigations
- Complex Litigation
- Environmental & OSHA Enforcement Proceedings

Education **Juris Doctorate, 1989**

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, top 1/3 of class
University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, 1979

University of Utah, Academic Scholarship
Salt Lake City, Utah

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- Admissions to Practice**
- State Bar of Montana
 - State Bar of Wyoming
 - United States District Court, District of Montana
 - United States Supreme Court
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
 - United States Court of International Trade

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- Professional Memberships**
- American Bar Association
 - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
 - Montana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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- Community Involvement**
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
 - Gallatin Canyon Women's Club
 - Big Sky Chapel