

**ANNE J. CASTLE**

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Regulatory and Natural Resources

Water Rights

Water Quality

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**Experience**

Ms. Castle joined Holland & Hart LLP as a lawyer in 1981 and became a partner in 1987. She is a practitioner in water rights and water quality law, and has over twenty-five years of experience in water rights practice. She has represented a wide variety of clients in water court litigation, including adjudications of water rights, changes in water rights and plans for augmentation, and appeals. She has also represented clients in numerous water rights and water quality administrative proceedings. Her practice includes water rights conveyancing, contracts for purchase, use, and supply of water, and the evaluation and assessment of water rights. She has worked extensively with special district issues, including water, sanitation, and metropolitan districts. She has experience in water quality discharge permitting and wetlands regulation. Her clients include many different types of water users, such as small and large municipal water and wastewater treatment providers, mining companies, ski areas, real estate developers, special districts, farmers and ranchers, lenders, and operators of industrial and commercial facilities. She has been involved in obtaining recreational water rights authorized under Colorado statute.

Ms. Castle is the former Chair of Holland & Hart's Management Committee (2002 to 2004) and former Chair of the firm's Natural Resources Department (1998 to 2001). In 2004, members of the Colorado Bar voted her the top water lawyer in the *Denver Business Journal's* Best of the Bar survey. She was a finalist for Outstanding Women in Business - Professional Services awarded by the *Denver Business Journal* in 2005. Ms. Castle was appointed by Governor Ritter to the South Platte River Task Force in 2007. She was designated "Best of the Bar" in Water Law in 2006 - 2008 and was listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for water law in 2007, the first year in which water law was a listed category, and again in 2008. Ms. Castle was honored in 2008 by the Women's Vision Foundation with its Woman of Vision Award and was featured in *Law Practice Management* magazine (Oct./Nov. 2008) in its "Leadership Profile."

**Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- "Federal Land Management Laws and Their Impact on Water Development in the West," (with Lawrence J. Wolfe), 32nd Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, 1986
- "Prevention of Use of Contaminated Ground Water," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Special Institute on Ground Water Contamination, 1991