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PRACTICE AREAS

Alaska Natural Resources
Energy, Environment & Natural
Resources
Hydropower
Native Affairs
Public Lands

EDUCATION

George Washington University
School of Law
Lewis & Clark College

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Alaska State Bar
District of Columbia Bar

ANDREW M. VANDERJACK

PARTNER



Professional Background

Andrew VanderJack's practice focuses on public lands and natural resource law and policy. Andrew provides counsel to clients on legislative and administrative matters involving Congress, congressional committees, federal agencies, state and local and tribal governments, special interest groups, and private parties.

Andrew counsels both privately-owned and public entities, including state and local governments, Alaska Native corporations, non-profit organizations, and timber and mining companies on a variety of public land, energy, and natural resources issues. Through this experience, he has developed a unique understanding of law and policy issues affecting public land use and land exchange proposals, natural resource development, efforts to secure federal funding opportunities, American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and Alaska and the Arctic.

Earlier in his career, Andrew served as staff to former Senator Ted Stevens. Before pursuing a law degree, Andrew also worked in his home state of Alaska on a seine-net fishing boat, as a wildland firefighter, and as a naturalist and kayak guide.

Representative Experience

- Provided counsel to a large Alaska municipality and Alaska Native Corporations on U.S. and international Arctic policy matters while working closely with Member of Congress, the White House's Council on Environmental Quality, the State Department, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Coast Guard to inform a wide-range of federal Arctic policy decisions.
- Provided counsel to a Native American client in protracted negotiations with members of Congress, Congressional committees, and the current administration regarding a complicated land claims settlement dispute that ultimately led to an agreement between all major parties on the terms of federal legislation to resolve the dispute.
- Successfully resolved a disagreement between a school district and a federal agency over the scope of the federal agency's statutory authority to provide federal grant funding, which resulted in the award of a multimillion dollar grant to the school district after the agency initially denied their application for funding.
- Provided counsel to several nonprofit and for-profit Alaska Native organizations on matters related to the federal management of public lands and natural resources, as well as Federal regulation of hunting and fishing in Alaska.
- Worked with a large, county-level government in Alaska on matters related to the Federal management of onshore oil and gas resources in Alaska and the Federal management of offshore oil and gas resources in the Arctic Ocean adjacent to Alaska.
- Provided counsel to a large mine in the southwestern United States throughout the federal environmental review and permitting process for the mine.

Government Service

President's Council on Environmental Quality

Legal Intern to the General Counsel, 2006-2007

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Legal Intern, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, 2006

Office of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK)

Legislative Correspondent, 2001-2003

Awards and Honors

Super Lawyers

Rising Stars, 2017-2018

Articles and Presentations

- Panel Moderator - Arctic Encounter Symposium 2016, Seattle WA, 01/15/2016

Alerts

- National Ocean Council Releases Final Ocean Policy Implementation Plan, 04/25/2013
- FEMA Developing Procedures for Tribal Governments to Request Disaster Declarations, 04/02/2013