

# Kayla Weiser-Burton

## Associate

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Kayla guides mining, energy, and industrial companies through environmental compliance and enforcement from initial permitting through site closure, helping them keep projects moving.

Kayla guides companies through the full arc of environmental law as it intersects with resource development — from the first permitting application to final site closure. Her practice centers on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with particular depth in how those frameworks apply to mining, alternative energy, and industrial operations.

Much of Kayla's day-to-day work involves keeping clients on the right side of regulators before problems arise. She advises mining and manufacturing clients on hazardous materials classification and management, counsels companies through stormwater and pretreatment permitting, and helps energy and mining developers structure contracts that protect large-scale projects. When enforcement issues do emerge, she negotiates directly with agencies and has guided clients through voluntary cleanup programs for contaminated properties.

Kayla also supports clients at the intersection of environmental law and transactions, advising on due diligence, Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser protections, and Enforceable Written Assurances that allow buyers to acquire properties carrying environmental liability. Her work on uranium mill decommissioning and trona mine development reflects the kind of project-critical environmental counsel that energy and natural resources projects require at every stage.

## Select Experience

- Assisted a developer with environmental matters for the redevelopment of a large

## Education

- University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, 2019)
  - Executive Environmental Editor
  - Utah Law Review
- University of Utah (B.S., Environmental Geosciences; B.S., Environmental Studies & Sustainability)

## Bar Admissions

- Utah

former mine site in Utah, which completed the Utah Voluntary Cleanup Program and received a Certificate of Completion from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

- Advises an Alaska-based mining operation on contract drafting and administration, with a focus on environmental and mining-related contracts.
- Provides environmental review and permitting support to mining clients during new acquisitions.
- Advises a mining company on acquiring rights within a Utah Superfund site to reprocess legacy material and extract valuable resources, including environmental compliance and negotiations with state and federal regulators on agreements and liability protections.

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association – Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
  - Mining Committee, Vice Chair
- Utah Mining Association
  - Environmental Committee

## Accolades

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2025-2026
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Arizona Justice Project Case Review Team), 2025

## Legal Writings

- Benjamin Machlis & Kayla Weiser-Burton, *Modern Tailings Management*, 59 FOUND. JOURNAL FOR NAT. RES. AND ENERGY LAW 105 (2022).
- *Clean Drinking Water: A Stream of Success and Opportunity for Reform*, Utah Law Review Volume 2019: No. 2 (2019)

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## Insights

December 12, 2022

### **Tribal Nations Summit Update**

November 5, 2021

### **U.S. EPA Proposes New Emissions Guidelines to Reduce Methane from the Oil and Gas Industry**

June 11, 2021

### **Supreme Court Clears Path to Guam's Superfund Costs Recovery**

April 17, 2020

### **U.S. District Court for Montana Enjoins Key Army Corps of Engineers' General Permit for Energy Infrastructure Projects**

## **Industrial Siting**