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Service Focus

- Mine Safety & Health
- Workplace Safety

Industry Focus

- Energy

OVERVIEW

Christopher G. Peterson is a Partner in the firm's Denver office who represents employers in workplace law matters, specifically focusing on Workplace Safety.

Chris advises mining, energy, general industry, and construction clients in matters arising from the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act, including civil and criminal enforcement issues, discrimination complaints, and accident investigations.

Chris regularly presents at industry conferences and client training programs, and he volunteers his time at mine rescue contests and actively supports the safety of those involved in mining operations. An avid researcher and writer, Chris also writes extensively on the latest regulatory changes in mine safety law and publishes his work on the Fisher Phillips network.

Recent Experience

OSHA

- Represented employers in OSHA fatality and accident investigations
- Represented employers in OSHA whistleblower investigations
- Represented oil and gas companies in multi-employer cases
- Represented construction companies in fall protection cases
- Represented construction companies regarding improper excavations and trenching

MSHA

- Represented operators in fatal and serious accident investigations
- Represented mines against Section 103(k) mine closure orders
- Represented operators in plan approval and emergency response plan cases
- Represented operators in Section 105(c) discrimination investigations, temporary reinstatement proceedings and hearings
- Represented management officials and agents during Section 110(c) investigations
- Represented litigation enforcement actions under the Mine Act for all types of mines across the United States, including Hawaii

Credentials

Education

- University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., 2004
- University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 2001

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Employment Law - Management (2026)
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Energy Law (2017)
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Affiliations

Professional Activities

- Nevada Mining Association, Board of Directors
- Nevada Mining Association, Safety Committee, Regulatory Co-chair
- American Public Transportation Association, Legal Affairs Committee
- American Public Transportation Association, Rail Transit and Bus Safety Committees
- National Mining Association
- National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
- National Lime Association
- Associated General Contractors of Colorado

INSIGHTS

Podcasts

Jan 28, 2026

Mining Matters: What to expect in 2026?

Podcasts

Dec 18, 2025

Mining Matters: Crisis Management: Beyond the Legal Requirements

Podcasts

Oct 28, 2025

Mining Matters: What are you doing during the government shutdown?

Insights

Oct 8, 2025

Senate Approves New Workplace Safety Agency Leaders: What Employers Can Now Expect From OSHA and MSHA

Podcasts

Sep 29, 2025

Mining Matters: What would abatement by certification look like?

Podcasts

Sep 11, 2025

Mining Matters: The Mine Act is a Strict Liability Law: What does that Mean?