



Lawyers in Duane Morris' WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE represent clients before state and federal courts; state, federal and international agencies; the U.S. Congress; and other legislative bodies. Our attorneys have extensive experience with U.S. government agencies and thoroughly understand the complex state and federal regulations governing corporate practices. As many of our D.C. attorneys previously held high-level governmental positions, they offer an experienced perspective on how regulatory and legislative developments affect our clients' business goals.

**ACCOLADES**

> U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS 2018 ranking for Immigration Law in Washington, D.C.



> Named LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR FOR LITIGATION-CONSTRUCTION by U.S. News-Best Lawyers 2015 Best Law Firms.



> NATIONAL CHAMBERS USA 2017 rankings for Sheila Hollis, Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation); and Denyse Sabagh, Immigration.

> REGIONAL CHAMBERS USA ranking for Denyse Sabagh, Immigration (2006-2017).

> CHAMBERS USA 2017 awarded top-tier status to our Washington, D.C. Immigration Practice.

**AWARD-WINNING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND IP LITIGATION**

The Duane Morris Intellectual Property Practice Group offers a broad range of IP services relating to the acquisition, maintenance, transfer and enforcement of intellectual property rights. The firm's practice includes all aspects of patent, trademark, unfair competition, brand protection, copyright and trade secret law, including counseling, prosecution and licensing, domestic and international. Members of the firm's IP practice have played pivotal roles in the development of IP law, and their ranks include attorneys with extensive backgrounds in telecommunications, wireless communications, computer software, semiconductors, fiber

optics, lighting, various mechanical arts, biosciences and government contract matters.

Duane Morris lawyers have substantial experience across the U.S. in all areas of IP litigation, including jury trial experience on behalf of IP owners and accused infringers in patent, trademark, trade dress, copyright and trade secret cases. The firm's IP attorneys have also represented clients in mediation, arbitration, *inter partes* proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and before appellate courts concerning IP matters.

National publications have repeatedly ranked Duane Morris among the leading U.S. law firms handling patents, trademarks, copyrights and related litigation, including *Corporate Counsel*, *Managing IP*, *IP Today* and *IP Law360*.



**A DYNAMIC ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRACTICE**

The attorneys in the Energy, Environment and Resources Practice Group assist clients with advisory, regulatory, litigation and legislative matters involving water, natural resources, energy and environmental issues. They regularly represent clients before the federal courts, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Department of the Interior (DOI) and numerous state regulatory commissions. Prior to joining Duane Morris, SHEILA HOLLIS served as the first director of FERC and is widely regarded as one of the top energy lawyers in the country.

## ATTORNEYS WHO SERVE

Members of the D.C. office understand the importance of serving our nation and community. Our public service includes previous experience in:

- ▶ Office of Enforcement, FERC
- ▶ U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia
- ▶ U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
- ▶ Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Government Regulations and Labor Section
- ▶ U.S. Navy, including three nuclear submarine officers who have cumulatively spent 1,200 days undersea and more than 2,000 days at sea.
- ▶ U.S. Army
- ▶ U.S. Marine Corps
- ▶ Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Corporation Finance
- ▶ U.S. Customs, Office of Regulations and Rulings

## PRO BONO: GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Duane Morris' Pro Bono Program provides free legal services to those in our communities least able to afford them. The importance of pro bono work and volunteerism has been an integral part of Duane Morris' culture since the firm's inception more than 110 years ago. Featured below are examples of recent pro bono efforts of our Washington, D.C. attorneys.

- ▶ Represented as a pro bono client [MARINEPARENTS.COM](#), a public charity founded in 2003 to support Marines and their families, and favorably negotiated a trademark licensing agreement with the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC).
- ▶ Represented as a pro bono client [JUSTICE WITHOUT BORDERS](#), a nonprofit corporation in Washington, D.C., with its incorporation and obtaining IRS tax-exempt status.



- ▶ In collaboration with the [VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM](#), the [VETERANS CONSORTIUM PRO BONO PROGRAM](#) and area law schools, Duane Morris launched a series of pop-up legal clinics in D.C. Metro Area VA Medical Centers, outpatient clinics and wrap-around shelters. Before 2016, no capital area legal aids provided pro bono representation to veterans residing in the D.C. area. Together, the collaboration staffed five legal clinics across D.C. in fall 2016, holding three simultaneous clinics across the city for Veterans Day that aided hundreds of veterans. In 2017, the collaboration launched weekly legal clinics at the D.C. VA Medical Center.

## EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

- ▶ Counsel to landowners whose property was taken by eminent domain for the [NATIONALS PARK](#), home of the Washington Nationals.
- ▶ Secured a major order from the [FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION](#) authorizing the acquisition of a power company by an infrastructure investment firm. The complex series of regulatory approvals included the authorization to acquire the power company from a Midwest holding company; the authorization for the power company to issue securities; notice of certain "market based rate" authorization changes as well as certain changes affecting the power company's hydroelectric facilities; and the filing of "public utility holding company" status.
- ▶ Obtained from the [FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION](#) a draft Environmental Impact Statement, a major milestone in the process for approval and ultimate development of a \$1.5 billion project in Puerto Rico.
- ▶ Counsel to a Palestinian pulmonary and critical care Fellow at the [GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL](#) who was denied a green card based upon allegations that he provided material support for terrorism, even though the Israeli Military Court previously dismissed the charges. Favorable outcome in Immigration Court where the judge granted his application for a green card. He will now be able to finish his medical fellowship and remain in the U.S. with his U.S.-citizen wife and children.
- ▶ Represented [NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION](#) as Placement Agent in raising \$7.6 million for Ignyta, Inc., a public company. In the offering, the company issued shares of common stock.
- ▶ Represented the [MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR \(MISO\)](#) in creating a new scheme of cost allocation for Multi Value Projects (MVP) that would be paid for by all customers that take power. Obtained a decision from the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals reversing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and holding that all customers, even those lying beyond MISO's borders, should be treated equally concerning cost allocation.

## DUANE MORRIS D.C. ATTORNEYS IN PRINT

Partner [JOE ARONICA](#), head of the D.C. White-Collar Criminal Defense Practice, has been featured in bestselling books. *The Spy Within* highlights Joe's prosecution, as Assistant U.S. Attorney, of Larry Chin, a double agent buried deep in the CIA. *When the Pentagon Was for Sale* details Joe's efforts in prosecuting America's biggest defense scandal, known as "Ill Wind."

Immigration partner [DENYSE SABAGH](#) has been recognized annually by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the best immigration attorneys in the region.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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