Our Work with Mining

The NRULPC addresses specific mining policy needs:
• Acquaint clinical students with actual mining activities and promote understanding of the environmental and sustainability challenges faced in the development of mineral resources.

NRULPC mining-related activities have supported student learning and the broader natural resource management community by:
• Developing online mining and natural resource courses for both registered students and executive training students in collaboration with the University of Arizona Global Mining Law Center in the James E. Rogers College of Law.
• Assessing sustainable mining issues for course development.
• Encouraging students and interested persons to attend the UA Mining Law Summit occurring each November.
• Providing students with opportunities to tour mining facilities.

Undergraduate course - Agriculture, Environmental and Legal Issues guest speakers:
• Marit Alanen, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish, and Wildlife Service - ESA and Jaguar Issues.
• Paul Tilley, DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
• Steve Holland, Chief Risk Officer and Sarah Meadows, Office of General Counsel, both at University of Arizona - An Overview of CERCLA, and Related Environmental Laws (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Toxic Substances Control Act, NEPA, Superfund remedies etc).
• Jim Burling, Pacific Legal Foundation – Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Continuing Evolution of a Quagmire and the Supreme Court.

NRUM Clinic guest speakers:
• John Lacy, NRULPC Co-Director - history and development of mining law and its application to current issues at the Rosemont Copper Mine.
• Carla Consoli, Partner and Regulatory and Government Practice Group Leader, The comparison of the political environment in the permitting process from the Obama, Trump and Biden administrations.
• Bill Myers, Partner at Holland & Hart, Procedural and substantive issues of presidential power to diminish a National Monument.