

Patton Boggs LLP
presents

MSHA'S Alternative Case Resolution
Initiative (ACRI) Seminar

June 2, 3 & 4, 2008
23rd Annual Elko Mining Expo
Elko, NV



Background

The Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) Alternative Case Resolution Initiative (ACRI) is a program through which ACRI-trained, non-attorney MSHA specialists resolve or try selected enforcement disputes with mine operators arising from Section 104(a) citations under the Mine Act, only covers cases with relatively limited penalties, and there are no disabling or fatal injuries. High negligence citations are not included in the ACRI program.

Purpose

This special ACRI workshop will provide mine operators and their representatives with the skills necessary to participate in the ACRI process without outside legal representation. MSHA's ACRI conference officers have received in depth training in dispute resolution and negotiation skills, as well as information necessary to handle contested matters before Administrative Law Judges. To level the playing field when faced with ACRI-trained MSHA personnel, Mark Savit, Cole Wist and Brian Hendrix, experienced mining industry attorneys with the Washington, D.C.-based firm Patton Boggs LLP, will provide you with critical information on organizing and presenting legal arguments, understanding the basic principles of MSHA law, legal research techniques, and procedures to be followed during litigation. Participants will receive a manual with form pleadings useful in preparing for settlement conferences and ALJ proceedings.

Who Should Attend

If you have responsibility for your company's legal issues or liability, are directly involved in safety and health management, or participate in MSHA conferences, you should attend this seminar.

Location

The June 2008 ACRI seminar will be held in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Elko Mining Expo, in Elko, NV. The two-and-a-half day training will take place at the Elko Convention Center

Registration Information

The registration fee includes: continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshment breaks and the ACRI manual. Registrants who successfully complete the course receive 19 Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

To register, please call: Cathie Horn - Marketing & Events Manager, Elko Convention Center 775-738-4091 or 800-248-3556. You can also contact her by email: cathie@elkocva.com

Cost: Nevada Mining Association Members - \$550
All other attendees - \$625



Seminar Schedule

Monday, June 2, 2008	
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:30 – 9:00 am	Introduction and Welcome
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Elements of MSHA Offenses
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Procedural Requirements of MSHA Practice (Part 1)
3:15 – 5:15 pm	Legal Research/Organizing Your Argument (Part 1)
5:15 – 7:15 pm	Cocktail Reception
Tuesday, June 3, 2008	
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:30 am	Legal Research/Organizing Your Argument (Part 2)
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Assignment/Preparation of Oral Argument
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 – 3:15 pm	Procedural Requirements of MSHA Practice (Part 2)
3:30 – 5:00 pm	How to Deal with MSHA Investigations and new strategies for compliance.
Wednesday, June 4, 2008	
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:30 am	Oral Argument
10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Wrap-up/Summary
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Adjournment

