



Mountain States Legal Foundation

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The Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF) was founded in 1976 as a non-profit, public interest, law firm. The organization provides advocacy to further the cause of individual liberties, particularly in the realm of economic and property rights. The organization represents clients on a pro bono basis or files “friend of the court” arguments in ongoing legal proceeding where matters of significant concern to its mission are at issue. In matters of concern to the mining and mineral exploration industry, the MSLF has been involved in many cases related to attempts to restrict access to and the use of public lands for mining. The MSLF represented the Northwest Mining Association in its successful challenge to the Clinton Administration's bonding requirements and the resulting decision sent a clear message to federal agencies that the failure to adequately analyze the impacts of proposed rules on small miners and prospectors could result in a remand of the rules. The MSLF has drawn praise for its efforts from President Ronald Reagan and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.