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Non-Metallic “Frac Sand” Mining Services

Non-metallic mining, especially “frac sand” mining, is a hot topic in western Wisconsin. Dozens of mines are being opened or proposed in western Wisconsin right now. Is your municipality prepared for a mine or related mining business to open? Even municipalities that have no pending mining proposals are considering a proactive approach to assure preparation if and when a mine is planned. Our attorneys have experience in helping municipalities deal with the unique and complex issues presented by the frac sand industry.

We provide the following legal services related to frac sand issues:

- Advising on conflict of interest issues
- Negotiating and preparing development agreements
- Preparing non-metallic mining licensing ordinances
- Counseling on open meeting and public records issues
- Assisting with public meetings and public hearings
- Counseling and preparing temporary moratoriums
- Advising on town and county zoning matters

Our attorneys have experience in handling frac sand issues throughout western Wisconsin, and we know how important it is to offer comprehensive, ongoing assistance to our municipal clients.

Our municipal attorneys with non-metallic mining experience include:

- Tom Schumacher
- Terry Dunst
- Bridget Finke
- Gary Bakke
- Adam Jarchow

OUR NON-METALLIC MINING SERVICES ATTORNEYS

Terry Dunst represents cities, villages and towns in northwestern Wisconsin in all areas of municipal law, including zoning, impact fees, open meeting and public records laws, drafting ordinances, and board-of-review issues. He has worked on a number of matters related to frac sand.

Adam Jarchow grew up in Polk County. He has extensive experience dealing with issues relating to municipal law generally, and frac sand mining in particular. He has assisted municipalities that are dealing with active mining interests, as well as municipalities that are preparing for the possibility of a mine.

Tom Schumacher has over 25 years of experience representing municipalities and small businesses. In that time, Tom has worked on a number of issues that arise in the frac sand mining context, including ordinance drafting, negotiation and preparation of developer's agreements and advising on open meetings, public records and conflict issues.

Gary Bakke recently worked through a complex mining issue for a Polk County municipality. This specific experience, paired with Gary's 40 years of legal experience, gives him unique insight into long-term issues for municipalities to consider with respect to mining.

Bridget Finke utilizes her experience in drafting and negotiating agreements for property owners with frac sand to give perspective to other attorneys in the municipal team. As part of our team approach, Bridget frequently works with others to develop innovative solutions to issues facing our municipal clients.

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