

## **Richard Mertz**

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### **Biography:**

Mr. Mertz is currently an Associate University Counsel in the Research and Technology Law Practice Group at the University of New Mexico. His professional experience and current practice fields include copyright; IP licensing; computer law; art law; review and negotiate a variety of research-related contracts; material transfer agreements; counsel to the research policy committee and institutional review board; technology transfer; environmental; and, trademarks. He regularly teaches a popular copyright course for faculty and staff. As an adjunct instructor, he has taught a graduate course in Administrative Law and a senior level course in Mass Media Law.

After coming to New Mexico, Mr. Mertz practiced law at private law firms. His clients included El Paso Natural Gas, DowElanco, Cigna Corp. and St. Paul Insurance Co. He became General Counsel to the New Mexico Environment Department and oversaw a docket of over four hundred cases in environmental enforcement and permitting while managing a ten-lawyer legal office. Mr. Mertz also practiced construction law at a private law firm.

Before earning his law degree, Mr. Mertz was a petroleum geologist at Phillips Petroleum Co. He was involved in worldwide offshore petroleum exploration and maintains an interest in energy policy and economics