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#### **Experience:**

Licensed to Practice Law in the States of Wyoming, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Owner/Partner, Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC, Cheyenne, WY: 1993-Present.

Legal practice including litigation regarding zoning and land use issues, public and federal lands issues, environmental laws, and negotiation of wind contracts, pipelines and transmission line rights-of-way, and oil and gas leases on behalf of landowners. Frank has spent years working on cost affective approaches for landowners to create better protections and less risk for agricultural operations when their land is impacted by long term easements. The financial benefits to landowners of most easements is short term while the legal burden and potential liability to the landowner tend to increase. Toward that end, Frank pioneered the concept of large landowner group negotiation on major rights-of-way such as the ones for Keystone XL, ONEOK, Hiland, Black Hills Power, Phillips 66 and others. His concept creating and negotiating through landowner groups was based on his previous experience as Chief Administrative Officer for the Washington State Cattlemen's Association. Under Frank's direction, using negotiating boards of landowners evens the bargaining leverage between individual landowners and large corporations, ensuring that easements and rights-of-way protect individual landowner ownership rights and land uses. Frank has also represented private landowners and groups opposing exactions or other methods of forcing "voluntary" relinquishment of private property as a condition of a regulatory program.

Chief Administrative Officer, Washington State Cattlemen's Association , Ellensburg, WA: 1987-1990.

Developed position papers and statements supporting and protecting the State's livestock industry, and reviewed and provided comments on State and National legislative proposals effecting private property rights and wilderness proposals. Assisted with creation of statewide advocacy effort opposing wild and scenic rivers

designations; worked closely with the Board of Directors in implementing Association policy, directed staff activities, and managed the Association's financial and business affairs.

Legal Intern, Federal Lands Legal Foundation, Cheyenne, WY: 5/1992 –8/1992.

Completed exhaustive historical and legal review regarding private property rights and grazing rights on federal lands. Research was published by the University of Idaho's College of Law in the Spring of 1994.

**Education:**

University of Wyoming College of Law – J.D., May 1993.

University of Nevada at Reno – B.S., Agricultural Economics, 1985.

**Awards:**

Honorary Chapter Degrees from the Frontier Chapter, Future Farmers of America; Wyoming Outstanding Ag Citizen of the Year.

**Teaching:**

Teaches Continuing Legal Education classes on zoning and land use planning and is a frequent presenter at wind related seminars and meetings. Frank also focuses his practice on estate and succession planning, ensuring that the landowners' wishes are implemented and assisting with passing the agriculture operation on to future generations.

**Personal:**

Grew up in Northern Nevada where he and his family own and operate a large cattle ranch which includes both federal and private lands. He is personally involved with all areas of his family's business including planning, production, marketing and quality assurance. Frank and his wife Karen also own and operate a ranch north of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Frank and Karen have two grown children, Isaac and Sarah and a grandson, Wesley.