



# Mesa County Assessor Office

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## MINERAL RIGHT RESEARCH/ASSESSMENT/HANDOUT



To place severed mineral interests on the tax roll, you must contact an attorney, title company or title insurance agent to prepare a certificate for proof of mineral right ownership.

According to the Colorado Statute 39-1-104.5 below, a complete patent to present title search must be completed for the Assessor's office to place the severed mineral interest on the tax roll. This certificate must contain a signed statement stating:

- A complete chain of title from patent to present has been completed for this Mineral Right. Include reception number and Book/Page for each link in the chain.
- Certificate must include a perjury statement and a notarized signature  
(Sample Perjury Statement: I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Colorado, that all statements contained in this Certificate and any accompanying documents is true and correct.)
- Owner name and address
- Legal description
- Severed mineral interest fraction or percentage
- Net mineral acreage contained in the severed interest

The certificate must be prepared by an agent authorized to do business in the State of Colorado:

- An attorney
- A title insurance company
- A title insurance agent

 <b>39-1-104.5 - Severed mineral interest - placement on tax roll.</b> 
<p>Any owner of the surface estate from which a mineral interest has been severed, on behalf of himself and any other owners of such interest in the surface, may require the assessor of the county wherein such real estate is situate to place such severed mineral interest, without regard to value, on the tax roll of the county if the owner of the surface estate provides proof of ownership of the severed mineral interest and a record of the creation of the severed mineral interest as shown by the records of the county clerk and recorder. Proof of ownership and the record of creation of the severed mineral interest shall be provided in the form of a certificate prepared by an attorney, a title insurance company, or a title insurance agent authorized to do business in this state.</p>
<p><b>Source: L. 79: Entire section added, p. 1405, § 1, effective July 1. L. 83: Entire section amended, p. 512, § 3, effective May 16.</b></p>

Attached are lists, not necessarily all inclusive, for the title companies, landmen and real estate attorneys within the Grand Junction area. The Assessor's office is not recommending one person/firm over another This is simply a list for reference. Additional listings may be found in the phone book. Categories to search also may include Attorney: Mining & Oil & Gas.

**LANDMEN**

**Billings & Company**  
**Bill Billings**  
Certified Professional Landman  
(970) 314-7723  
2465 Ajay Ave.  
Grand Jct., CO 81505

**Dennis D. Hansen**  
**Landman**  
Office: (970) 245-4357  
Cell: (970) 216-1128  
PO Box 4245  
Grand Jct., CO 81502

**Fred Jones**  
**Independent Landman**  
(970) 242-5702

**John Mudon**  
**Independent Landman**  
(970) 858-7597  
1662 L ½ Rd.  
Fruita, CO 81521

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**TITLE COMPANIES**

**Abstract & Title Company of Mesa County**  
(970) 242-8234  
605 25 Rd., Ste. 201  
Grand Jct., CO 81505

**Fidelity National Title Company**  
(970) 245-1055  
480 W. Park Dr., Ste. 100  
Grand Jct., CO 81505

**Heritage Title Company**  
(970) 241-8555  
330 Grand Ave.  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**Land Title Guarantee Company**  
(970) 245-0550  
2454 Patterson Rd.  
Grand Jct., CO 81505

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**OIL & GAS ATTORNEYS**

**Jeffrey L. Driscoll**  
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200 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**Nathan A. Keever**  
(970) 241-5500  
744 Horizon Ct., Ste. 300  
Grand Jct., CO 81506

**REAL ESTATE ATTORNEYS**

**Elder & Phillips**  
(970) 243-0946  
562 White Ave.  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**Hoskin, Farina & Kampf**  
(970) 242-4903  
200 Grand Ave.  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**Kain & Burke**  
(970) 241-2969  
225 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 611  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**LaCroix & Hand**  
(970) 245-4601  
725 Rood Ave.  
Grand Jct., CO 81501

**Chris Mahre & Assoc.**  
(970) 773-5313  
1525 Poplar Dr.  
Grand Jct., CO 81505

**Rider & Quesenberry**  
(970) 257-1917  
200 Grand Ave., Ste. 200  
Grand Jct., CO 81501