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PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Public Utilities Regulation
Project Development and Finance

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, J.D., 1985

Southern Methodist University, B.A.,
1980

Business Administration

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Tom represents natural gas distribution companies and pipelines in matters before a variety of state public utility commissions throughout the Mountain West, as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has also represented large electric consumers, independent power producers, and renewable energy developers before such agencies. Tom has represented clients before the Colorado Supreme Court and other state and federal courts in conjunction with a variety of energy and public utility matters. Having authored several pieces of Colorado legislation, he is well positioned to assist clients in the legislative arena.

Tom has significant experience with a wide range of traditional regulatory matters, including general rate cases, rulemaking and investigatory proceedings, cost adjustment mechanisms, territory disputes, service area and facility certification, and municipal franchise matters.

Tom also has experience in a variety of emerging issues in the electric and natural gas utility industries, including those relating to alternative forms of regulation, as well as those surrounding utility mergers and acquisitions and related regulatory approvals. He has assisted clients in matters relating to the electric industry restructuring, including the determination of transition costs; the structure of retail customer choice; and the scope of unbundled services, including insuring comparability of service and equitable access to incumbent facilities.

In addition, Tom has assisted clients in the electric independent power producer arena in the negotiation and drafting of power purchase agreements for the sale of capacity and energy to utilities as well as in matters relating to the interconnection of generation facilities to the electric transmission grid.

Tom served as the firm's Managing Partner from 2009-2019.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Colorado Bar Association
- Member, Denver Bar Association
- Member, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Rocky Mountain Area Council
- Member, Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
- Member, Board of Directors, Colorado Judicial Institute

- Member, Board of Litigation, Mountain States Legal Foundation