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Austin assists clients on nearly all aspects of public utility regulation including rate setting and reliability issues, permitting, rulemakings, and litigation matters.

His practice is focused on state and federal regulation of utilities and electricity generators. Austin's clients include large energy consumers, large independent power producers and developers, qualifying facilities, local distribution companies, and oil and gas pipelines throughout the Mountain West.

Austin is part of the public utilities regulatory team and frequently works with [Thor Nelson](#), [Michelle King](#), [Fred Schmidt](#), [Nik Stoffel](#), [Abby Briggerman](#), and [Austin Jensen](#).

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Public Utilities Regulation
Environmental and Natural Resources
Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Electric Power

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2014
Scholastic Excellence Award
Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
Scholarship
Colorado State University, B.A., 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

Montana
Idaho
Colorado

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of
Colorado

EXPERIENCE

Administrative Litigation – State Regulatory Commissions

Austin appears regularly in formal administrative proceedings before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Montana Public Service Commission, and Wyoming Public Service Commission. Austin's experience includes the following issues:

- Rate cases
- Tariff disputes
- Resource planning
- Public convenience and necessity applications
- Rulemakings
- Siting of electricity generation facilities
- Demand side management

Regulation of Utilities and Energy Markets

Outside of formal administrative proceedings, Austin routinely advises clients regarding the:

- State regulation of electric, gas, and water utilities
- Federal regulation of wholesale electric markets and electric transmission
- Energy supply
- Application and interpretation of administrative rules and statutes

- Qualifying Facilities
- Legislation

PUBLICATIONS

"Archuleta v. Gomez: Reinforcing Beneficial Use in Adverse Possession Water Law," *16 U. Denv. Water L. Rev.* 431

RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, Environmental Law, 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Energy Bar Association Rocky Mountain Chapter, Member of the Board, 2019-present
- Natural Resource and Energy Law Section, Colorado Bar Association, Executive Council Member, 2017-present
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member