



## Austin Rueschhoff

Associate

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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, Nik Stoffel, Abby Briggerman, Austin Jensen, and Brittany Tyler.

### PRACTICES

Environmental  
Energy Consumers, Developers, and  
Public Utilities

### INDUSTRIES

Conventional Power  
Renewable Energy and Storage

### 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

## RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™*, Environmental Law, 2021-2023

## PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Energy Bar Association Rocky Mountain Chapter
  - President, 2022-present
  - Member of the Board, 2019-2022
- Colorado Bar Association, Natural Resource and Energy Law Section, Executive Council Member, 2017-present
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member