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PRACTICES

Environmental
Energy Consumers, Developers, and Public Utilities

INDUSTRIES

Conventional Power
Renewable Energy and Storage
Mining
Data Centers

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
New Mexico

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

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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, Kristine Roach, Fripp Prioleau, and Seamus Crowley.

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

"Montana Court Rules State Agencies Must Consider GHG/Climate Impacts in Fossil Fuel Approvals," *Holland & Hart Environmental Update*, August 15, 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Evaluating the Advancement of Western Grid Integration and Regionalization," Moderator, *Mountain West Renewables*, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 20, 2024

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Environmental Law, 2027
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®, Environmental Law, 2021-2025

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