

Gregory E. Sopkin

Partner

Greg Sopkin has been practicing energy and telecommunications law for over fifteen years. Sopkin has handled complex transmission, rate, generation, and communications regulatory cases, often in a first-chair capacity. He was the Chairman of the Colorado PUC from January 2003 until January 2007. While Chairman, Sopkin presided over numerous Phase I and II electric rate cases as well as integrated resource planning cycles; investigated service outages; guided the redrafting of the Commission's electric, gas and transmission rules; implemented a renewable energy initiative; and oversaw transmission line disputes, the electric price response pilot program, high cost fund administration and the Qwest deregulation case.

Greg also has represented energy and telecommunications clients at Squire Sanders and Gorsuch Kirgis LLP and represented the Colorado PUC as an assistant attorney general in the Colorado Attorney General's office. He taught at the University of Colorado and has been a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the telecommunications, energy and critical infrastructure committees; a member of the Federalist Society, serving on the telecommunications and electronic media practice group executive committee; and director of the Federation for Economically Rational Utility Policy. He received his J.D. in 1991 from the University of Colorado School of Law, where he was on the University of Colorado Law Review, and his BS, with high honors, in 1988 from the University of Illinois. Sopkin, his wife Rebecca and six children live in Lakewood, Colorado.

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Former Vice-Chair, Energy Bar Association State Commission Practice Committee

Member, Energy Bar Association Telecommunications & Electronic Media Practice Group;

Member, Executive Committee, Federalist Society.

Co-Chair, Video Programming & Distribution Committee, Federal Communications Bar Association (2009-2011).

Past: Member, Telecommunications, Energy, and Critical Infrastructure Committees, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

Co-Author, "The Final Clean Power Plan" (*American Coal*, November 2015).

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson, "The Clean Power Plan: Carbon Trading, State Legislation and the Political Economy Issue" October 2015

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado, 1991
U.S. District Court for Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Colorado School of Law, 1991
B.S., with High Honors, University of Illinois, 1988

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Corporate & Commercial Transactions
Electric Power
Energy Regulation
Grid Modernization
Natural Gas
State Regulation
Wired Communications
Wireless Communications

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson State Implementation of CO2
Rules: Institutional and Practical Issues with State and Multi-State Implementation and
Enforcement November 2014

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EPA's CO2 Rules and the Cooperative and Municipal Question
Regulatory Issues Implicated by the Proposed Rule
October 2014

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EPA's CO2 Rules and the State Institutional Problem September 2014

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EPA's CO2 Rule and 18 States' Resolutions and Legislation EPA's Proposed CO2 Rule
Collides with Flexibility Asserted by States

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Multi-State Implementation and Enforcement