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Raymond L. Gifford counsels communications, electric and gas utilities, and information technology companies on state and federal aspects of regulation, administrative law, and competition policy. He is an expert in public utilities law, and the law and economics of regulation of network industries. Mr. Gifford's law and policy work focuses on the convergence of broadband communications and energy, as well as environmental policy as it applies to the electric industry. He represents clients in state and federal courts and agencies, and serves as an expert witness on utility regulation and its history. He is also a Executive Fellow at the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship, and Co-Directs the Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics at University of Colorado Law School.

Mr. Gifford served as Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission from 1999-2003. Following that, he served as President of The Progress & Freedom Foundation, a Washington DC-based think-tank that studied the digital revolution as it relates to regulation of network industries. He entered the regulatory law world as First Assistant Attorney General in the Colorado Attorney General's Office. He clerked for the Honorable Richard P. Matsch of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Mr. Gifford has authored a number of articles on communications law, public utility regulation and competition policy in network industries. He is a graduate of University of Chicago Law School and St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Executive Fellow and Chairman, Advisory Board, University of Colorado's Silicon Flatirons Program for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship

Co-Director, Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics

Adjunct Faculty, University of Colorado Law School

Elected Member, American Law Institute

Named to The Best Lawyers in America © in Communications Law, 2013-2017

Best Lawyers®, Denver Communications, "Lawyer of the Year" 2013

Former Chairman, Federalist Society's Telecommunications Practice Group

Featured in Legal 500 US 2011, Telecoms & Broadcast Regulatory

Recipient, Colorado Super Lawyer 2015-2017

PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

Raymond L. Gifford • Robin J. Lunt • Matthew S. Larson with Power Research Group - [The Breakdown of the Merchant Generation Business](#), a study released by the Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP law firm and the Power Research Group.



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BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming, 2017
Colorado, 1992
United States District Court for Colorado, 1992
U.S. District Court for Nebraska
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, 1994
U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

EDUCATION

J.D. University of Chicago, 1992
B.A (Great Books), St. John's College (Annapolis, MD), 1989

PRACTICE AREAS

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

Raymond L. Gifford • Matthew S. Larson, [State Actions in Organized Markets, Continued Use of 'Around Market' Solutions to 'Fix' Markets and the Natural Gas Conundrum](#) - February 2017

Raymond L. Gifford • Matthew S. Larson, [State Actions in Organized Markets, States Strive to 'Fix' Markets and Retain Base Load Generation](#) - September 2016

Ray Gifford has authored an article, [How to Keep the Lights on in Organized Markets](#), in Utility Dive on the issue of baseload power exiting wholesale power markets and the impact this has on the electric grid. - July 13, 2016

Utility Dive Op-Ed – [Utility Regulators Face Unfriendly and Unfair Fire](#) – February 16, 2016

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

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson
"[The New Building Block 3 and the Final Rule August 15, 2015.](#)"

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson
[EPA's CO2 Rules and the Common Elements Approach](#) April 28, 2015

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

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson
[EPA's CO2 Rules and the Cooperative and Municipal Question](#)
[Regulatory Issues Implicated by the Proposed Rule](#)
October 2014

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson
[EPA's CO2 Rules and the State Institutional Problem](#) September 2014

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson
[EPA's CO2 Rule and 18 States' Resolutions and Legislation EPA's Proposed CO2 Rule Collides with Flexibility Asserted by States](#)

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](#)