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Ray is a former state PUC chairman, think tank president, and First Assistant Attorney General. Through all these “formers,” he has learned a great deal about closely regulated industries from electricity to broadband to natural gas to railroads. His practice takes him to multiple places: state PUCs, state and federal courts, the FCC, and FERC.

As a recovering pedant, he insists that every regulatory issue confronted in the 21st Century has its precursor in 19th Century railroad regulation. The comforting part of that history is network industries – be it railroads, broadband networks, electric or gas systems – present the same regulatory dilemmas and admit the same regulatory solutions. He has never seen a joint and common cost problem solved to his satisfaction, but figures that does wonders for job security.

While President of The Progress & Freedom Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, he studied the digital revolution and the regulatory challenges presented by newly emerging network industries. He also co-founded the Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics, an annual seminar for state regulators and staff. He serves as an Executive Fellow at the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law and Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado Law School, and regularly teaches a seminar on the law and economics of regulation.

His latest policy focus has been on the energy transition, and the regulatory institutions that are both driving and impeding that transition.

PRACTICE AREAS

Telecommunications and Media
Administrative and Court Litigation
Broadband and IP-Enabled Services
State Regulation
Tower Siting and Infrastructure
Voice Communications
Energy
Administrative and Court Litigation
Legislation and Public Policy – State and Federal
Regulatory – FERC and Organized Markets
Regulatory – State Utility Commissions
Security and Privacy
Transportation and Emerging Technologies

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico
Wyoming
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit

EDUCATION

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