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Nik assists clients with identifying, simplifying, and solving complex regulatory issues impacting public utilities and utility service, providing practical, business-minded advice.

PRACTICES

Environmental
Energy Consumers, Developers, and
Public Utilities

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas
Conventional Power
Oil and Gas Regulatory
Renewable Energy and Storage
Mining

EDUCATION

Washburn University School of Law, J.D.
Dean's Honors

University of Denver, Daniels College of
Business, B.S.
Finance

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Montana
Wyoming
New Mexico

Nik's practice is focused on the regulation of electric and gas utilities, oil and gas pipelines, and electricity markets, and the nuances of administrative law and litigation. His clients include large energy consumers, industrial and commercial electric customers, natural gas distribution companies, oil and gas pipelines, power project developers, independent power producers, and common carriers throughout the Mountain West. Nik has also represented investors and asset managers in connection with purchases and sales of utilities.

Nik is a member of the public utilities regulatory team and frequently works with Thor Nelson, Michelle King, Austin Jensen, Austin Rueschhoff, Abby Briggerman, Kristine Roach, and John Sherry.

EXPERIENCE

Administrative Litigation – State Regulatory Commissions

Nik regularly appears in formal administrative proceedings before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Montana Public Service Commission, and Wyoming Public Service Commission. Nik's experience includes the following issues:

- Rate cases
- Complaint proceedings
- Utility mergers and acquisitions
- Tariff disputes
- Resource planning
- Public convenience and necessity applications
- Rulemakings
- Miscellaneous application and certification proceedings
- Avoided cost and qualifying facility proceedings

Regulation of Utilities, Energy Markets & Pipelines

Outside of formal administrative proceedings, Nik routinely advises clients regarding:

- State regulation of electric, gas, and water utilities

- State regulation of oil and gas gathering systems
- State regulation of intrastate oil and gas pipelines
- Federal regulation of interstate oil, natural gas liquids, and natural gas pipelines
- Federal regulation of wholesale electric markets and electric transmission
- Energy supply and decarbonization strategy

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Industry Perspective: Managing Interconnection & Transmission Challenges," *Infocast Mountain West Renewables Summit*, November 7 & 8, 2023

"Regional Legislative and Administrative Policy Developments," Speaker and Program Co-Chair, *Electric Power in the Southwest hosted by Law Seminars International*, August 24 & 25, 2023

"Oh FERC, is my pipeline regulated? An introduction to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction over interstate oil and gas pipelines," *Midstream Oil & Gas Contracts Course hosted by EUCI*, October 2019

"Modernizing PURPA: An Updated Approach to QF Interconnection," *Modernizing PURPA Course hosted by EUCI*, September 2019

RECOGNITION

- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading U.S. Energy Lawyers, 2023

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association, Member, 2012-present
- Denver Bar Association, Member, 2012-present
- Energy Bar Association, Member, 2013-present
- Lawyers in the Classroom, Volunteer, 2015-present
- Clothes To Kids of Denver, Inc., Board of Directors, 2014-2022