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Matt practices at the intersection of utility law and policy, counseling utilities and energy suppliers on state and federal aspects of regulation, administrative law, and energy policy. He has worked on matters before state and federal regulatory commissions on issues involving resource planning, rates, and other issues on behalf of both investor-owned utilities and cooperatives.

In the energy policy realm, he has written extensively on issues related to electric market design and restructuring. Matt has also been deeply involved in significant climate and energy policy legislative efforts. On the administrative litigation side, has played a leading role in some of the most significant energy transition cases in the western United States. This includes leading the legal effort on Xcel Energy's Colorado Energy Plan, resulting in the retirement of over 650 MW of coal-fired generation and development or acquisition of over 2,000 MW of renewable and gas-fired generation. He has also led the efforts of Western Slope cooperatives to exit membership in Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, helping these clients to bring the benefits of the clean energy transition to rural Colorado and transition to a generation mix focused on renewables and gas generation with a lower emissions footprint. Finally, he played a significant role in the passage of a historic suite of energy and climate policy legislation in Colorado in 2019, including Senate Bill 19-236.

Earlier in his career, Matt practiced with a Colorado-based law firm in its Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources practice group. He previously served as a law clerk for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver and the Honorable John L. Kane of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

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EDUCATION

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