

## 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

Raymond L. Gifford • Gregory E. Sopkin • Matthew S. Larson

State Implementation of CO<sub>2</sub> Rules Institutional and Practical Issues with State and Multi-State Implementation and Enforcement



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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

Energy Regulation

Smart Grid

State Regulation

Wired Communications

Wireless Communications