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Overview

Kathleen is a trusted advocate for clients facing high-stakes environmental and land-use challenges. She navigates complex air quality, water resource, and Endangered Species Act matters with precision—pairing deep regulatory command with strategic advocacy to deliver results in permitting, rulemaking, and enforcement proceedings.

Kathleen maintains an active pro bono practice and is committed to mission-driven organizations tackling social and environmental issues in the Denver Metro area. Kathleen currently serves as the Board Chair of GRID Alternatives Colorado, which strives to make renewable energy technology and job training accessible to underserved communities.

Experience & Results

- Argued and won critical 1041 permit enabling utility client to replace coal plant with wind and solar.
- Successfully argued for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to compensate ranchers for missing calves due to wolf depredations.
- Secured a variance from the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission, enabling energy client to implement innovative, environmentally conscious solution to utilizing excess gas.
- Personally argued (and defeated) summary judgment appeal before the North Dakota Supreme Court as lead counsel to energy client.
- Managed complex environmental due diligence for energy client investments.

Practice Areas

- Environmental Permitting and Compliance
- Environmental Litigation
- Natural Resources
- Federal and State Regulatory Agency Rulemaking and Policy Development
- Renewable & Alternative Energy
- Due Diligence

Honors & Clerkships

- Judicial law clerk for the Honorable Sam Sparks of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© “Ones to Watch” in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Litigation (Environmental), and Natural Resources Law 2025
- University of Texas School of Law Beck Award for Legal Research and Writing Excellence

Insights

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Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, High Honors, 2015
- B.A., Wake Forest University, *magna cum laude*, 2010

Bar Admissions/Qualifications

- Texas, 2015
- Colorado, 2018
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2017
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 2022

Professional & Community Involvement

- Chair of GRID Alternatives Colorado Board of Directors
- The Denver Petroleum Club Mentor Program, 2025 Mentee
- Member of Colorado Women’s Bar Association
- Renewable Energy Task Force for the Foundation for Natural Resources (2021–2024)
- Member of Air and Waste Management Association (2022–2024)