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## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, DENVER - STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

*Juris Doctor* (May 2009)

- Academic Achievement Awards including Administrative Law
- Staff Editor, University of Denver Water Law Review – Most Valuable Staff Award (twice)
- Top 6%

### OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN

*Bachelor of Arts, Geology* (May 2002)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### KEYES & FOX, LLP

*Partner; previously Associate*, DENVER, COLORADO (2014 – present)

Represent clients in state utility commission proceedings related to renewable energy, energy storage and grid modernization policy development and implementation including work on advanced energy infrastructure, rate designs, community solar programs, renewable energy incentive programs; legislative drafting and review; advise clients on strategies and prioritization of goals

### OFFICE OF THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL UNIT

*Assistant Attorney General*, DENVER, COLORADO (2010 – 2014)

Represented consumers of electric and natural gas utilities before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) through administrative litigation of rate cases, renewable energy portfolio standard compliance proceedings, utility resource plans, applications for generation and transmission facilities, smart grid and advanced metering programs, and various rulemakings. Saved Colorado consumers more than \$80 million through successful litigation strategies

### COLORADO INDEPENDENT ENERGY ASSOCIATION

*Contract Attorney*, DENVER, COLORADO (2009 – 2010)

Prepared and filed various comments with the Colorado PUC and the FERC on behalf of independent power producers (IPPs) regarding issues such as national transmission planning and cost allocation policies. Tracked and analyzed draft legislation and administrative rules affecting IPPs and reported to members

### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC, STUDENT LAW OFFICE, STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

*Student Attorney*, DENVER, COLORADO (2008 – 2009)

Filed several briefs in federal court to challenge the National Park Service's NEPA process and their decision to allow hunters to shoot elk in Rocky Mountain National Park. Developed, managed, researched, assessed, and ultimately prepared a complaint in a forest preservation case under NEPA on behalf of environmental non-profit clients against the National Forest Service

**OFFICE OF THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, PUBLIC UTILITIES UNIT**

*Student Intern, DENVER, COLORADO (2008)*

Represented the Colorado PUC through the Colorado Student Practice Act including drafting and filing a Reply Brief on administrative searches in Denver District, researching and analyzing utilities and administrative law issues and drafting memos to supervising attorneys and PUC commissioners to assist them in regulatory decision-making and litigation issues

**THE HANNON LAW FIRM**

*Law Clerk, DENVER, COLORADO (2007 - 2008)*

Extensive discovery work in class action environmental toxic tort and other litigation including detailed review of technical documents and drafting disclosures, discovery requests, and responses to discovery requests. Developed memoranda on statutes of limitations, class certification, negligence, and punitive damages

**ENVIRONMENT COLORADO/PIRG**

*Field Organizer, Campaign Director, DENVER, COLORADO (2003 - 2005)*

Worked with team of two other directors to recruit, hire, train and manage large (30+) staff of fundraisers for Amendment 37, the Colorado renewable energy standard and Fastracks, a transportation ballot initiative. Drafted press releases, letters to editors, and opinion editorials, many of which were published. Lobbied state and national legislators, including Mark Udall and Marilyn Musgrave, on clean energy issues.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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- Selected as one of Super Lawyers 2016 and 2017 Rising Stars
- Attorney General's Award for Excellence for work related to smart grid
- Oberlin College Alumni Recruiter
- Colorado Bar Association, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section