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### Practice Areas

- Environmental
- Public Utilities
  - Electric
  - Gas
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
  - Mining
  - Public Lands

### Education

Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington, J.D., 1976  
*Cum Laude*

DePauw University, B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, 1969  
Graduated with honors

### Admissions

Colorado (1976)  
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado (1976)  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit (1985), 9th Circuit (2001), and 10th Circuit (1976)  
U.S. Supreme Court (1991)

### Support Staff

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## Ric Fanyo, Executive Committee Member

Ric Fanyo has been co-managing director of the firm since 2000. From over 30 years of practice, he has acquired an unusual combination of expertise in public utility regulation and mining law by representing clients in a wide variety of issues in both fields. As a result, he is one of the relatively few attorneys whose experience encompasses the complete energy cycle – from mineral extraction through processing, delivery and consumption.

Ric has developed longstanding relationships with many clients by not only representing their interests in particular utility regulation and mining issues initiated by other parties, but also counseling them about opportunities available to them for affirmative action to achieve their business objectives. His familiarity with his clients' operations and competitive circumstances combined with his broad experience enables him to identify those opportunities that might be overlooked otherwise. Whether representing existing or new clients, his approach to every engagement is to formulate realistic strategies to accomplish his clients' goals and then implement them to achieve satisfactory results.

### Career Highlights

Represented large industrial and mining customers in every major electricity and natural gas rate and resource planning proceeding in Colorado since 1976

Represented large electricity and natural gas customers in negotiating and litigating utility service agreements and service performance disputes, power supply planning and related legislation

Represented Denver's leading taxi and airport shuttle carriers in all regulatory matters and acquisitions since 1997

Represented CLECs in major telecommunications merger proceedings in Colorado and in litigation with ILECs

Sole arbitrator of power marketing and transmission dispute between major utilities on the Western grid



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## Ric Fanyo, continued

### Career Highlights

Represented coal, uranium, hardrock and stone mining clients in permitting and environmental compliance proceedings, negotiating and litigating product sales agreements, negotiating and litigating federal, state and private mineral leases and royalties, purchases and sales of mining properties, and related legislation

Best Lawyers in America, Public Utilities/Energy Law, 1995-present

Law clerk to Chief Judge Fred M. Winner of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, 1976

United States Navy, 1970-1973

Supply Officer, USS Nathan Hale (SSBN 623B), 1972-1973

### Community Involvement & Affiliations

General Counsel, Colorado Council International Reading Association, 1978 to present

Board of Visitors, DePauw University, 2006-2009

Practitioner in Residence, Indiana University School of Law– Bloomington, 2006

Member of the American, Colorado and Denver Bar Associations

Colorado Mining Association

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation