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## Melissa O'Leary, Special Counsel

Melissa O'Leary, a Colorado native, obtained her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Denver and was admitted to the Colorado bar in 1994. Ms. O'Leary advises numerous corporate and special district clients, primarily in the areas of formation, statutory and regulatory compliance and elections. Ms. O'Leary has substantial experience in administrative, regulatory and appellate litigation on cases involving development, interpretation and compliance with local ordinances and state and federal regulation, utility certification, tariff development and maintenance, transfers of regulated utility assets, and dispute resolution in the telecommunications, energy and transportation industries. In addition to her experience in private practice, she also worked in the policy and law department at Qwest Communications. Ms. O'Leary also handles estate planning and probate matters.

### **Career Highlights**

Successful litigation before administrative agencies, district and appellate court of complex legal and policy issues affecting large telecommunications corporation.

Responsible for formation and initial operations of numerous special districts throughout Colorado.

Experience representing regulated transportation companies before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission spanning from day-to-day compliance to approvals of large asset transfers and introduction of transportation franchise to Denver metro area.

Actively represented client and industry interests in comprehensive rulemakings before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

### **Practice Areas**

Public Utilities  
Estate Planning  
Special District

### **Education**

University of Denver

### **Admissions**

Colorado (1994)

### **Support Staff**

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